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shot six

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ficers last night as it emerged

that Diarmuid O'Neill, the man shot dead by police in west London, had previous

convictions connected to republican activities.

The 27-year-old, born and

brought up in an Irish family who had moved to London, is

understood to have been hit by six bullets during Mon-

day's pre-dawn raid on a hos-

tel in Hammersmith, west

O'Neill was educated at the London Oratory school in Knightsbidge, where Labour

leader Tony Blair has sent his son. He worked as a cabinet-maker before joining the

Bank of Ireland's branch in

Shepherds Bush, west Lon-

In June 1989, he was con-victed on three counts of de-frauding his employers of

£75,000. Sentenced to 12 months detention in a young offenders' institution, he

eventually served five months. At his trial, it emerged that police suspected

that £34,000 of the missing money had been chanelled to the IRA through a bank ac-

count in Belfast. One of those still being held

is believed to be Diarmuid's

brother Shane. According to

several accounts, they had been living together in a

don, which was also raided by

police early on Monday. An-

other suspect being detained was a 21-year-old engineer

from Northern Ireland, who

had been working for British Airways at Gatwick.

Police were last night refus-ing to reveal whether any weapons had been recovered

from the hostel where Diar-muid O'Neill died. Republi-

can sources in Belfast alleged he had been shot as he answered the front door.

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Judge calls for urgent change in law

Outrage at defence case argued by lawyer

Fury over stalking case

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RESSURE for an mmediate change in the law on stalking intensified last night, when a judge called for it to be made a criminal offence after the conviction of an unemployed man who terrified a dental nurse for eight months. Perry Southall, aged 20,

to endure 200 separate inci-dents of harassment at the hands of Clarence Morris, a convicted rapist aged 37. Al-though he never laid a finger on her. Morris was found gulity on two assault charges.
Judge Gerald Butler, QC,
adjourning sentence for a
month for medical reports, warned Morris, with 45 previous convictions for sexual of-

from east London, was forced

fences and assault, that he was considering sending him indefinitely to Rampton high security mental hospital. The jury took less than two hours to decide that Morris. unemployed, had psychologically scarred Miss Southall to such an extent that it was the

equivalent of physical injury.
Judge Butler said: 'I believe what this case clearly shows is that the legislature must move swiftly to create a separate offence for this kind

Julie Bindel, of the International Conference on Violence. Abuse and Women's Citizenship, said: "This case, like many others, shows how crucial an immediate change that such a serious offence is removed from the civil arena and placed firmly in the criminal one."

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Anne Strahan, of the Suzy Lamplugh Trust, said: "We are pleased that the judge has added his support to our calls. It is an indication of the severity of the need for stalking to be made a criminal offence. and we would like the Government to heed his call."

But there was outrage by women's groups and leading members of the bar at the conduct of Morris's defence barrister, David Stanton. He in effect accused Ms Southall of provoking her eight-month ordeal by her appearance. Mr Stanton told the jury of

six men and six women: (above), representing make herself to look, no doubt, as attractive as possible. She chooses to do that not only for her own satisfaction but because she likes the attention of others: men."

Mr Stanton, who likened Miss Southall to Pamela Anderson, whom he described as "a sexually active actress", suggested it was Morris's

right to find her attractive.
"Is it fair that a young lady who dresses to attract, the ought never to have been no apparent reason. Her queen bee attracting the made." But he stopped short social life was in tatters.



"Is it fair that a young lady who dresses to attract, the queen bee attracting the drones, the queen bee that dresses to kill . . . cries foul because

finds her attractive?" **David Stanton**

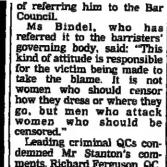
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Clarence Morris

Judge Butler took the unusual step of criticising the remarks in court. "May I pub-

drones, the queen bee that dresses to kill ... cries foul because somebody finds her attractive?" licly and entirely dissociate myself from your comments as to that which I believe



Leading criminal QCs con-demned Mr Stanton's com-ments. Richard Ferguson, QC, described the remarks as "ir-

relevant and in poor taste". In the absence of an antistalking law, prosecutors decided two years ago to try charging stalkers with causing actual or grievous bodily harm. The offences were in-tended to deal with physical assaults, but prosecutors argued they could cover psycho-

The argument has succeeded in some cases. Last March a former naval petty officer, Anthony Burstow, was convicted of causing grievous bodily harm to a former colleague, against whom he had waged a three-year hate campaign. But last week, another jury was ordered to clear Dennis Chambers, a 37-year-old van driver who offered no defence to a charge of grievous bodily harm on Mar-garet Bent, aged 30, a restau-

rant manager.

The judge told the court it was extremely difficult to prove intent in cases of psy-

chological harm.
The Home Office issued a consultation paper in July promising new criminal of-fences to cover stalking and harassment, which could be law by next spring. Anyone who intentionally or unintentionally caused people to fear for their safety, or caused harassment, alarm or distress, would be guilty of an offence.

Victims of stalkers would be able to apply for an injunction stopping them. Breach of the injunction would carry a penalty of up to five years in jail.

The court heard that during Miss Southall's ordeal, Mor-ris twice threatened her with a blade-edged wallpaper scraper. Once, he had approached her wearing a pair of Y-fronts over his trousers, blowing a whistle, and bran-dishing the implement as he screamed his love for her.

He showered her with

bottles of champagne, threw items of women's underwear into the dental practice in east London where she worked, and sent her 35 letters claiming he loved her.

"I feared for my life. I was petrified," Miss Southall told the court. She has nightmares about Morris. She said she was unable to sleep properly and often burst into tears for





'I feared for my life. I was petrified,' Perry Southall (above) said of the attentions of Clarence Morris (left). Morris, a convicted rapist, never laid a finger on her, but was found guilty on two assault charges after 200 incidents of harassment

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net minister Sir Leon Brittan said he had managed "the most successful period in the

British economy for a very,

very long time". But the confusion among

senior Tories emerged as Downing Street insisted Mr

Clarke supported Cabinet pol-icy and that his views had been misrepresented. It also

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Minister blows Tories apart over EMU



The Daily Mail calls him Britain's pornographer-in-chief. Seldom seen without a cigar, his support of the arts is legendary. Now he wants to buy Manchester United. Who is he? Page Three HE Tories plunged fur-

Rebecca Smithers

ther into crisis over Europe yesterday, as John Major's attempts to maintain unity on the single currency were blown apart by a junior minister's criticism of the Chancellor for being "out of line".

In a further blow to the Prime Minister, senior Tories backed the Chancellor, en-dorsing his decision to aban-don the agreed "neutrality" on the issue which so infuriated Mr Major earlier this

weekend when Mr Clarke to be resolved. These will afsaid it would be "pathetic" if fect the UK whether we are in Britain watted for other a single currency or not and it "I think he will be out of countries to launch a single currency before deciding whether to join, and that it should be in the first tranche of entrants to be better placed for decision-making. But the Foreign Office min-

ister and Eurosceptic Sir Nicholas Bonsor attacked Mr Clarke, saying his comments had highlighted Tory divisions on Europe, and that he was out of line on government

a single currency or not and it is right that Britain should play its full role in the negotiations," they said.
Earlier, Sir Nicholas had
stoked up the row when he
told BBC Radio 4's World at

One that the Chancellor's comments had undermined attempts to restore party unity. "I don't think it was helped by Kenneth Clarke's comments but I think the vast bulk of the Conservative

line with the view of the vast majority of the party and I think it is out of line with what the Government policy has been. Mr Major made it clear ear-

lier this week that he was fu-rious with Mr Clarke for departing from the Cabinet line.
But yesterday Sir Edward
Heath declared Mr Clarke "an
excellent Chancellor" and lor's views and Sir Nicholas warned that he and his pro-European allies would fight the Eurosceptics "all the foreign secretary, will too was out of line on government policy.

The row blew up over the line of government policy.

Was out of line on government policy.

Party both in Parliament and the European allies would fight in the country agree with the Eurosceptics "all the way". Sir Jim Lestor MP accused the Eurosceptics of left-wing Tory MPs to fight the Eurosceptics of limportance to the UK remain of the country agree with the Eurosceptics of left-wing Tory MPs to fight the Eurosceptics ahead of the party conference next month.

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Sport

Britain went back

into the European

football fray last

return matches in

the UEFA Cup first

night with the

round.

Sketch

me after the poll



Simon Hoggart

N SUNDAY night, at the start of the Liberal Democrat conference in Brighton, a young party ac-tivist noticed a friend chatting

up a girl in the bar.
The couple shortly disappeared and the young fellow.
much the worse for drink. thought it would be amusing to go up to his friend's room in the Metropole Hotel. He stood outside, humorously shouting. "Let me in, let me in! I know you've got a totty in

All of which was most alarming for the actual occupants of the room, Paddy Ash-down and his wife Jane. The intended victim was a member of Mr Ashdown's staff, and the prankster had been confused by seeing him emerge from the leader's room earlier in the day.

Anyhow, Mr Ashdown shouted "Go away, whoever the hell you are!" or words to that effect, then called for se-curity. The youthful inebriate

managed to get away in time.
I hope that Mr Ashdown, on hearing the accusation, did not immediately reach for his trousers. But the startling interruption of his night's sleep (plus the fact that he was rehearsing into the small hours yesterday) might ac-count for the somewhat lacklustre delivery of his conference speech yesterday

It wasn't a bad speech, but it was an awfully long speech. At times, Mr Ashdown seemed less convinced by it than some of his audience. On occasion he seemed surprised to hear them applaud, and ploughed on to the next paragraph be-fore they had finished.

The speech was preceded by a short video showing Cap'n Ashdown meeting the real people of Britain. Like him, they all turned out to have crinkly eyes. After 17 years of Tory rule, we are a crinkly-

First night

Michael Billington

FF TRONG stuff:"

nerva Theatre after Ronald

Harwood's The Handyman.

Indeed it is. For, like Har-wood's Taking Sides, it deals with big issues such as moral

guilt, responsibility and retri-

bution; and it is that ability to

handle them that compen-

with a famous conductor.

are presented with an aged

sates for the play's flaws. Taking Sides presented us

Furtwängler, accused of com-

plicity with the Nazis. Here we

odd-job man, Romka, who has

worked loyally for a Sussex

family for 50 years and is in-

Ukrainian militia, in the slaughter of 817 Jews in 1941.

own conclusions.

We hear the patiently docu-

mented evidence against him and are allowed to draw our

But Harwood is less con-

guilt than with the issues the

case raises. Is the pursuit of old men, now British citizens.

under the new War Crimes

Act, a form of pointless retri-

bution? Or does the morality of justice mean murder

should never be condoned or

forgotten? And do we hide be-

hind the concept of individual

"evil", absolving a whole soci-ety of responsibility for geno-cide? Many writers, from Han-nah Arendt to George Steiner.

cerned with Romka's probable

vestigated by Scotland Yard's War Crimes Squad for his in-

olvement, as a member of the

said the lady be-hind me at the Mi-

The Handyman

Minerva, Chichester

Genocide gets

teachers and engineers. He helped push out a lifeboat with a group of crinkly-eyed lifeguards. Like him, they used their crinkly eyes to gaze up at the future, as if they'd just spotted a 20-ft high Pame-

The one thing that puzzles me about these videos, Labour and Liberal alike, is that they all depict Britain as a kind of Elysium or Shangri-La. Happy, clear-sighted, crinklyeyed people live amid glorious scenery, historic cities bathed in golden sunlight, work in dazzling hi-tech factories, or

in light, spacious classrooms. No doubt there is some adman there saying, "No, sweeties, all those derelict factories are such downers! We don't want doomy and gloomy, we want vibrant!" The consequence is that every party political broadcast these days, including this, looks as if it was made for the Tory

Government.

I sat among the delegates for the speech, and I have to say that the film could not have been received more cynically by my press colleagues. When Paddy and Jane walked hand in hand through a flowery in the contre-jour light, the row behind me sniggered, pre sumably because they were reminded of Labour's famous 1987 video, which I thought of nock. When Mr Ashdown

crinkled his eyes and rustled a newspaper, they shouted; "Look, he's checking his lottery numbers."

The speech itself was cunningly addressed both to the conference, and to his real audience, the Labour leadership. All political conferences are a little like car dealerships run by the Mob — they are front operations for the money

laundering. Front of house, the staff believe they are running a nice honest business. Behind the scenes, the deals are being cut the pay-offs delivered, the police chief squared, the occa

sional knee-cap rearranged. In the same way, Mr Ashdown's speech was one for the cognoscenti. The criticisms of the Tories were ferocious. those of Labour muted. Or, as

Party leader claims only Lib Dem influence can force key issues on to Blair's post-election agenda

Come up and see Ashdown: time for Tories to go

Michael White Political Editor

ADDY Ashdown yesterday warned the British electorbe a bystander" at the coming election because the Conservative campaign of fear would be matched by Labour timidity unless the Liberal Democrats can force the real issues on to the

In a defiantly upbeat speech to the party conference in Brighton, the Liberal Democrat leader abandoned all pretence at even-handedness be-

must go" — and Tony Blair's government-in-waiting. Instead, he hammered home the theme that only a strong contingent of Lib Dem MPs would keep Labour to its promises and help turn Britain into "a more prosperous nation with a more generous heart." But there was no hint

as to exactly how Lib Dems

might co-operate with

Mr Ashdown singled out Europe, constitutional reform, public spending — where the "John Major Debt" cost every family £650 a year in interest payments alone and environmental issues as ones where 35 or 40 Lib Dems.

get figure, could make a deci-sive difference in the new Parliament. | party activists during his hour-long address. Mr Ash-down likened Britain in the

Where the Tories were concerned, his tone was harsh; towards Labour it was at worst condescending. The Tories tell lies on tax, hoping to win again. Labour dodge the truth, hoping not to lose The Blairite U-turn on Scot-

tish devolution had proved "the great cause of reform is not safe in Labour's hands." The choice voters faced was between continuing sleaze under Mr Major and Labour good intentions that could "founder on muddle and weak commitments."

90s to the ill-led country Churchill revitalised in 1940. The talents of its people, i properly used, were its great-

This country is not the mean, selfish, uncompassion-ate nation the Tories have tried to make us these last 17 years. But the true spirit of our country will remain hidden if the only choice we are offered is the choice between fear and timidity."

Mr Ashdown lambasted Tory reliance on fear in what tive campaign and said the only effective antidote was should be a part of it."

"And if it comes, and Brittain only effective antidote was should be a part of it."

hope. A generous sprinkling of Lib Dem pledges, from tax and welfare reform to an 'educational repnaissance' were dotted throughout the speech to buttress that claim. Predictably Mr Ashdown contrasted his own party's unwavering commitment to Europe and a single currency

if possible with the hesitations of his rivals.
Claiming that remaining outside could cost the average family £10 a week in higher interest rates. Mr Ashdown insisted that a single currency would be good for Europe. Europe.

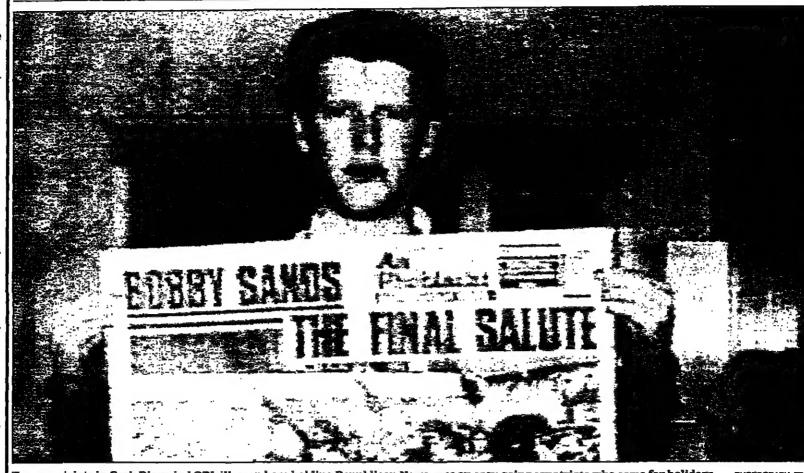
But he made even more of the £160 billion addition to the national debt since Mr Major became prime minister in 1990 — "and he was trained as a bank manager." he

quipped.

As Mr and Mrs Ashdown walked out of the hall, amid the usual conference razznatazz, the applause lasted four minutes. Within minutes, the Tory chairman. Briam Ma-whinney, denounced the

speech.
"His so-called patriotism would break up Britain and surrender to Brussels control over our defence and immi gration policies," he said

'Nobody



around here ever associated anything like IRA activity with that family. They were very nice, quiet people, who fitted in very well with everyone around.'

Pat Joe O'Brien, a neighbour

Disgraced bank clerk who met a brutal end a colleague put it, "his mes-sage to Blair was, your place or mine?"

David Sharrock reports on the amiable youth who kept his double life hidden from those who were closest to him

always smiling, his red hair making him stand out in the busy summer bars of West Cork's Irish Riviera. In Maddens bar in Timo-league on the Carbery Coast, they are used to see-

gues the Holocaust is a Jewish fantasy. Even her husband is a City boor who suggests geno cide is a form of primitive culling. Given such attitudes it is all too easy to sympathise with Romka's solicitor, Marian, who argues both for our duty to the dead and for the holiday retreat are happy evidence that you can get

accused's right to a fair trial. But, even if Harwood loads the dice, the play still opens up audience debate. Christophe Morahan's admirable production also gives the play a quasi-documentary tone so hat even the least likeable characters, played by Kate Lynn-Evans and Hugh Bonne ville, are not allowed too far

tic protector, is seen as a Cath-

olic hysteric who finally ar-

But the best performance comes from Frank Finlay, whose Romka is a mixture of physical frailty and moral ve-hemence: he shuffles around the Sussex garden as if about to fall apart, yet protests his innocence to his interroro-

gators with suspect fervour. Sheila Burrell also offers staunch support as a religious Sister, whose eyewitness ac-count of atrocities is delivered with chilling exactness. Harwood's characters may

exist primarily as vehicles for moral debate. But the argu-ment itself, not least about the need to strike a balance be-tween legal fairness and historical culpability, is gripping.

have aired these issues but it is bracing to hear them de-At the Minerva Chichester My main quaim is that Har-(01243-781312) until September 28, and then on tour wood makes Romka's chief

trial by theatre apologists so unsympathetic it slightly skews the debate. In particular Cressida, whose late father engineered Romka's passage to England and who herself regards the old ing famous people rub shoulders with the locals. Sir David Puttnam has a Ukrainian as a saintly dome:

house nearby, just one of the many wealthy English people who spend their summers gorging on seafood and Guinness. Irish people with English accents are rarer, and ones who can afford their own

on in the world and still never lose the love of your own country.
Diarmuid O'Neill believed he loved his country so much he was willing to die, or even kill, for it.

E WAS a big fellow, | knew this. To them he was just another happy-golucky visitor, forever in the company of his father, Eoghan, and his mother, Teresa, a feisty Dubliner

known as Terry. An IRA man? The news was met with shock by the people who live in these little villages of brightly painted cottages, where Marian shrines still display freshly cut flowers every day and the only trouble the police ever have to deal with is getting the pubs shut within licensed hours.

"They were not big drinkers. They came here most nights for the company and were good fun, very nice people." said publican Charlie Madden yes-Mone of the regulars at Maddens, or the Pink Elephant overlooking the magnificent Bay of Kinsale.

parents a few hours before the news reached them on Monday. Eoghan and Terry nently when she retired 18 months ago from her job as bursar in a London college.

"Nobody around here ever associated anything like IRA activity with that family," he said. "They were very nice, quiet people, who fitted in very well with everyone around."

A few days earlier the O'Neills had celebrated Mass with him and they were regular visitors to the local Roman Catholic chanel. Diarmuid had last been there on holiday in the summer. In July they had all celebrated Eoghan's 60th birthday.

Johnny Keoghane, a postman, spoke to Diarmuid's parents shortly after the irish police told them what had happened in London "Eoghan rang me about 4.30pm. He was crying and in a terrible state. He just said something awful had happened in London, that Diarmuid had just been shot in some kind of IRA thing."

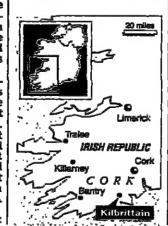
The grieving parents left

its fine sea views lives Pat | immediately. At Heathrow | Joe O'Brien, a farmer who spoke with the dead man's | daughter, Siobhan, a Lon-

don nurse.

Behind them they left disbelief among their friends. knew a different "big fel-low". According to police sources in Co Cork, Diarmuid had been suspected of being an IRA sympathiser or member for at least five years, when he was seen

with local republicans.
In 1988 he was convicted of stealing £75,000 from the Bank of Ireland branch in Hammersmith, west London, where he had just begun work as a clerk. At



£34,000 was channelled to Belfast. He served five months of a one-year sen-tence in a young offenders' It was an inauspicious

start to adulthood after education at the exclusive RC Brompton Oratory School in Knightsbridge. After leaving prison he went on to earn a living as a cabinet-maker. On his frequent visits to Ireland he was not kept under close surveillance, but Gardai knew of his movements, according to a senior officer in Cork. "Whether he was on IRA business during his visits or not is another question," he added. It seems likely that he

was a politically aware young man, conscious of his family's past. A great uncle, Donal O Buachala was elected to the first Dail in January 1919, the year British rule crumbled and Sinn Fein swept to victory, taking almost every seat in the island save for the north-east, where Unionism stood firm.

the county in the weeks before the 1921 truce.

The county is steeped in there are nowadays only pockets of active members For the vast majority. Cork's history is best left in the history books, for here there were pogroms against Protestant communities.

In Kilbrittain itself, a man was killed by the same IRA volunteers who took part in the killings of Protestants and who then went on to murder Michael Col-lins — the original Big Fellow — at Beal na Blath when pro and anti-treaty forces were fighting a civil

known all this. Every summer there are republican commemoration ceremonies to remember their fallen. Collins this summer is once more emerging into the light as the IRA man turned statesman who might have changed the course of history had he He would have known the history of West Cork too, the heroic adventures of the IRA commander Tom Barry's Flying Column, 300 at the shrine.

l will not step down, defiant Yeltsin warns rivals

David Hearst in Moscow

OWN but not out, Boris Yeltsin yesterday launched a proxy political counter-offensive, warning rivals that he was still president of Russia and had no intention of resigning. As he awaited the outcome of a meeting of Russia's top heart surgeons at the Central Clinical Hospital, the presi-dent, aged 65, issued a series of statements through his

aides aimed at warding off

baying predators.
The prime minister, Viktor



line on delayed surgery

Chernomyrdin, said after

minutes: "He reacts painfully | secretary, Sergei Yastrz-[to talk of resignation], does | hembsky, Mr Yeltsin worked not accept it at all, and in general such a thing is out of the Then the Russian heart sur-

geon who had said Mr Yeltsin had suffered a heart attack in July and would not be fit for surgery for up to two months softened his line. Asked if cancellation of the operation was an option. Professor Renat Akchurin said: "No." The statements coincided with announcements from the

through a package of between 20 and 70 documents daily. The statements appeared to lay the ground for announc-ing that Mr Yeltsin may be in

hospital for some time.
The communist Speaker of the state Duma repeated calls for the president to resign. Gennady Seleznyov called on doctors to release full details of the president's condition.

The communist faction, the largest in the Duma, has promised to press for the cre-Kremlin about the president's promised to press for the creation of a medical commising to the presidential press sion to decide on the president

dent's fitness for office when the Duma meets next week. But Mr Yeltsin fears rifts in his own Kremlin administra-Gen Lebed has promised to tion. Mr Chernomyrdin, who

becomes acting head of state during the operation, denied any split in the leadership: "I do not recognise any groups, they do not exist."

But General Alexander
Korzhakov, Mr Yeltsin's for-

mer bodyguard, said in a newspaper interview that he backed the security chief, General Alexander Lebed, as the next president.
Gen Korzhakov warned

that he had compromising until he had seen Mr Yeltsin.

Gen Lebed has promised to help Gen Korzhakov by "giving" him his deputy's seat in Tula, vacant since Gen Lebed took up his post as secretary of the security council. Gen Korzhakov could offer the inexperienced former paraexperienced former para-trooper invaluable informa-tion about his political foes.

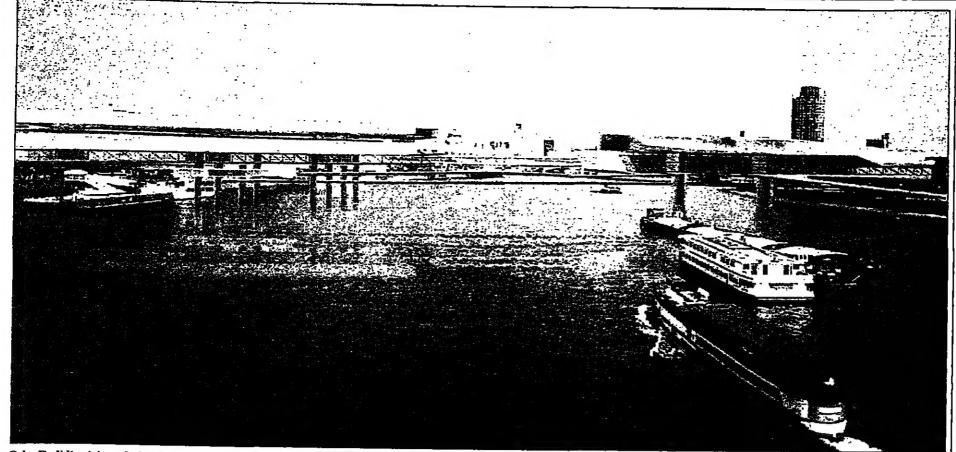
Meanwhile, the United States cardiologist Michael Debakey, aged 88, who is in Moscow for the meeting. refused to answer questions

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Zaha Hadid's vision of a bridge over the Thames, with blocks of accommodation at either end and a transparent central section

A bridge too far for developers?

Maev Kennedy on the double winners of an architectural contest to cross the Thames - and their uncertain prospects

British architect Zaba Hadid shrugged yesterday on learning that she had won yet another prestigious archi-tectural competition with a design which may never be 'Who knows?'' she said

Ms Hadid, Iraqi born and London based, hit the head-lines when she won an international competition to design a new opera house for Cardiff Bay, and hit them even bigger when the project as scuttled as non-viable by the Millennium Commission.

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Yesterday her first ever bridge design was declared joint winner, with one by the French architect Antoine Grumbach, of a competition for a £70 million habitable bridge across the Thames in London, which has neither a definite site, funding nor a

However. e Environmen Secretary, John Gummer, has thrown his support behind the project organised by the Royal Academy of Arts, and said vesterday he was confident a private developer will

take up the challenge.
"This bridge will be a confident statement for the millennium, of this generation but in a great tradition." he said. Mr Gummer said the judges

found it impossible to choose

between two utterly different but equally bold designs. Mr Grumbach, who is working on several urban regeneration projects in France and won the French national award for excellence in urban design in 1993, de signed a garden bridge in-cluding a tropical greenhouse

eading to a glass tower of cafes, offices and flats. In striking contrast, Ms Habib's design is in cantilevered sections of glass, steel and concrete, with blocks of accommodation high above cafes and offices at either end. thinning to a light transpar-

ent central section. A feasibility study by con-sultants KPMG found the bridge commercially viable without public or lottery

The competition was held to coincide with an exhibition

controversial on habitable bridges at the ish architect academy, organised in collaboration with the Pompidou Centre in Paris.
The exhibition, designed by

Nigel Coates, opens tomorrow and runs until December. The exhibition includes models by all seven architects invited to compete, and the public will be invited to vote on its choice with the South Bank. It would be the first habitable bridge built in Britain since Pulteney Bridge in Bath in 1773. The history of bridge com-

petitions, as outlined in the exhibition, is not encouraging. In 1988 Cedric Price working for the GLC, proold river completely, and pave over the space between Bridges — thus creating, the design boasted, a new unclutthe size of Trafalgar Square.

posed to replace the bomb bat tered Tower Bridge with a shiny new glass box over shuddered and repaired the Victorian iron instead.

If Ms Hadid's bridge never huilt, she can take comfort from Gustave Eiffel. He designed a glorious bridge over the Seine for the Paris Exposition Universelle of 1878, but the project foun-dered. In 1889 there was another Parts exhibition, Eiffel came back with another design - and this time built his



Setting the avant-garde agenda A career in deconstruction

The joint winning design, by Antoine Grumbach, described as a garden bridge including a tropical greenhouse

Born: 1950 in AHA Hadid is one of the few women architects to Age: 45 Nationality: have established herself internationally in her own Iragi right, rather than under the shadow of a partner. But it is Based: London Education: Went to school at a French con-

her work, rather than her gender, that has attracted worldwide attention. Ms Hadid discovered the constructivist drawings of the revolutionary Soviet period when she was a student. They have inspired her very distinctive vision

Her designs begin in the form of paintings — striking spatial explorations that initially gave some people the ssion that she was concerned only with unbuildable fantasies. But her dynamic compositions translate powerfully into three dimensions as can be seen in the fire station she designed for the Vitra furniture company now used as an adjunct to the Vitra furniture museum, in south Germany — and a block of flats in Berlin. For Vitra, Hadid produced a floating iceberg of a building, a structure

which refuses to be con-

limits of orthogonal geome-

architecture.

Deyan Sudjic Architecture Corresponde

vent in Bagh-Europe and North America Cardiff Bay Opera House before taking A levels in England. Read maths at the with controversial glass American University in necklace design, beating Beirut 268 rivals January 1995: Unprece-

1972: Returned to London and trained at the Architec tural Association 1982: Winning entry for The Peak, a Hong Kong leisure complex, seen as breakthrough for "deconstructivist" architecture. Project cancelled. Small projects in

try. Its roof and walls are an presence, in trademark Issev Mivake. Hadid has been one of explosive collection of shards the small international group and fragments. In Berlin the of architects that have set the agenda for the avant-garde istic of her design is a glintover the last decade. Her emererupting from the ground. gence in the early 1980s as a significant talent seemed con-Influenced by the construcis an original. A powerful ternational competition in architecture.

December

mark on the peak overlooking the island's harbour. She has since been in danger of becom-ing better known for what she 1980s including her first comhas failed to build. The Hong Kong project came to nothing. So did a couple of large scale restaurant interior in Sapporo 1991: Commis chemes in Germany. Most notoriously, she fell foul of Cardiff's Tammany sioned to build fire station in Germany. Inno

Hall politics when she won the Cardiff Bay Opera House Competition. Despite worldwide acclaim, and popular en-thusiasm for Hadid's striking lesign, a small group within the bay vowed it would be built over their dead bodies, and crucified her. Hadid's de sign was rubbished and Norman Foster was offered the

job behind her back. Hints that she was not a qualified architect were dropped — she is not regis-tered, though her office is entitled to practise. The last and most insulting, blow was of the road local practice

Hadid has maintained a dignified resilience throughout. London's inhabited bridge isn't going to be the design with which she makes the breakthrough. But her luck must change soon, if Britain is not to prove it is wedded to

new working methods. In sub-

gramming will be cut by an

hour a day, and a 30-minute

daily Portugue transmission will cease. Schedules for

English language trans

missions around the world

separate time zones, instead

Broadcasts to Europe will

be reduced, particularly in

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Grade's £300m bid for United fell foul of huge share price hike in a share issue. Manchester

Roger Cowe

CHANNEL 4's boss, Michael Grade, was be-hind an audacious attempt to take over Manchester United in the latest example of comtempting to exploit the new riches in sport coming from satellite television. Mr Grade is chairman of

video distribution company VCI, which revealed vester with the Manchester United board about buying the club for £300 million. The takeover would have

deals which have seen business interests moving into sport as huge sums from satellite broadcasting have transformed top teams' finances. Newcastle United are ex-

pected next year to float on the stock market, following competitors such as Chelsea and Tottenham. Leeds United was acquired recently for more than £20 million by Caspian, a publicly quoted media and leisure company, while Everton announced last week that it would raise £15 million | City Notebook, page 11

United's successes in recent years have produced enormous commercial gains, leav ing the club clear at the top of the financial league and attracting the attention of com-panies such as VCL Profits have risen from £5 million when the club floated on the stock market in 1991 to £20

million last year. Manchester United's share price has followed suit, more than doubling in the past year to £4.50, valuing the club at £280 million. But that rise was too much for VCL
This summer's lucrative

deal between the Premier League and BSkyB pushed the club's price beyond the reach of VCI, which distributes videos such as Thomas the Tank Engine and Mr

Earlier this year, VCI bought the rights to publish books and videos for Manchester United.

Mr Grade became chairman of VCI early last year, choosing the company as one of the two non-executive appointments he is allowed under his Channel 4 contract.

90 jobs to go at World Service

Andrew Culf ledia Correspor

INETY jobs are to be axed at the crisis-torn BBC World Service in a £6.5 million economy drive, it was announced yesterday. The cuts coincided with a

director, Sam Younger, that foreign language services would have to close next year unless the Government makes up a £5 million funding shortfall in November's The economies represe

per cent of the service's £135.6

million operating budget, pro-vided as grant-in-aid from the

Mr Younger said: "Recognising the tight situation for funding across the whole public sector, we have done everything we can to cut costs while protecting services for

Now he hoped the Govern-ment would acknowledge what had been achieved and look again at its planning figures for next year's grant-in-

The most vulnerable for eign language services in-clude sub-Saharan Africa, central Europe and Brazil.

The service's funding crisis is separate from the divisive row over director general Yesterday's cuts involve John Birt's plans to merge its news and English language departments with the BBC's domestic radio and television. A joint BBC/Foreign Office working party is to report pact of the restructuring.

vatory, but impractical

dented second run-off. Ha-

did confirmed as winner, but project rejected by Mil-

lennium Commission in

June 1996: New competi-

Hadid did not enter.

tion for Cardiff announced

Sept 1994: Won

competition for

But Mr Younger said that any economies from the pact in 1997-98 on the £5 million funding gap.

Mr Younger and senior Czech, and regional produc World Service managers have tion offices in Scotland, Wales discussed the grant-in-aid and Northern Ireland will shortfall with Malcolm | close

"We are very, very conservative really. It's very ironic. At first the only rule was that you could do anything you wanted as long as it didn't hurt anybody else. Now there are limits and rules. Otherwise it would not be possible

to live here." Life in Christiania

The cover story



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Howard 'extremely concerned' as figures show first increase in three years ● Rapes and robberies up, burglaries and thefts down

Violent crime soars by 10 per cent

'I wish the public had a keener appreciation of what we believe is actually happening. It is not unusual for the public perception to lag somewhat behind what is actually happening'

> Michael **Howard**



Michael Howard said the public failed to appreciate crime figures had been through their largest sustained fall for 40 years

against criminals as the annual figures showed the crime rate rising for the first

Alan Travis on twin blow for Tories

crime rate had been halted instead prompted the Home Sec-

just been through their largest sustained fall for 40 years. Quarters believed it had continued to rise substantially. credentials also received a knock with the publication British Crime Survey, based on interviews with 16,000

It showed that crime has continued to rise in the past two years, albeit by only 2 per cent. Only 4 per cent of the public believed that the offi-

keener appreciation of what we believe is actually happen-

public perception to lag some-what behind what is actually The annual figures show there were 5.1 million crimes 12 months to June 1996, an increase of 0.4 per cent.

was "extremely concerned" | the rise in violent crime, parthe category had suffered its ticulary domestic violence largest increase for eight and sexual crime, then that rise in reporting

But the Home Secretary took comfort in continuing minor falls in burglary (1 per cent), theft (2 per cent) and concern is the long-term pic-ture. Both the bulletins published today provide encour

Although violent crime rise in violent crime is a mat-only accounts for 6 per cent of ter of concern. If you look at

increase in street muggings The largest rises in crime were in Gwent, Cambridgeshire, Merseyside, and Sus-sex. Durham, Cheshire, and Gloucestershire had the larg-

with a continuing small fall Home Office research that, as the economy improves and violent attacks, particularly. Officers, agreed that the up-those which are alcohol- ward trend was "a cause for

est falls in recorded crime yet the British Crime Survey had continued to increase in the past two years.

failed to tackle the underlying causes of crime and deal with our in local neighbourhoods It is no wonder [Tory MP] outflanking the Government on law and order," he said.

For the Liberals, Alex Car lile said the Government had and there were unprece Bill Taylor, chairman of the Association of Chief Police

The shadow home secretary, Jack Straw, said that in the past 12 months Tory min-Lord Windlesham, page 9

Survey reveals rise in violence

day says crime rose by 2 per cent between 1993 and 1995 — the period when Michael Howard was hailing an 8 per cent fall in police fig-ures as the largest for 40

The BCS, carried out every two years and based on inter-views with 16,500 adults, estimates that there were 19.1 million crimes last year. The 2 per cent rise is, how-

since its inception in 1981 and pattern in the police records in the last two years, with both showing small falls in burglary and car crime and a rise in violent crime. The BCS, however, estimates there has been a 17 per cent rise in violent crime as

against 10 per cent in the police figures in the last year. A BCS finding which will alarm Tory politicisms is the discovery that only 4 per-cent of the public believe crime has fallen in the past two years. Three quarters feel it has increased. The BCS,

ures, shows a growing ficially reported, with recorded by the police. Many crimes go unreported because victims do not feel they are

finding that there has be small decrease in people's has dropped from 54 per cent in 1994 to 47 per cent now.

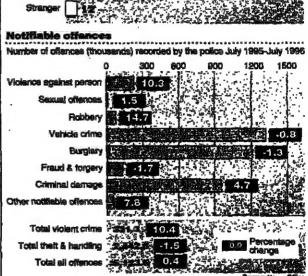
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and one in 20 men said they third of the women who stayed in cited fear of crime as the reason.

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cent since 1981. Acquaintance violence, by someone known since 1981. Street muggings rate (54 per cent) and strange est rise (12 per cept) over the

More crime



Senior police back gun ban

Senior police officers yesterday rejected gun lobby overtures and unanimously voted to reform Britain's "liberal gun control

The decision came in the face of warnings to the Police Superintendents' Association annual conference that tougher restrictions on gun ownership would just be seen as another power bid by police. Bill Herriman of the British Association for Shooting and

Conservation told the officers that the public's idea of shoot-ers being gun-toting madmen was wrong.
"We are not all camouflaged loonies," he said. "We
are normal men and women
who like to do a hit of shoot-

ing. Private ownership of firearms is a cornerstone of any

But the superintendents ap-pealed to the Home Secretary to get tough on gun crime. The debate means another

significant group in the criminal justice system has report into the Dunblane mas-sacre. The report is to be pub-lished on October 14 — after

the party conference season.

Superintendent Dai Davies,

a Metropolitan police royal
protection squad officer, told
the Stratford-upon-Avon conference it was necessary to reduce the risk.
"Imitation firearms must

be banned now, as should the storage of handguns," he said. "Handguns must never be stored in people's homes. "In fairness, the Home Secretary does talk tough. He must ensure that his col-leagues give him the power and finance to be tough. Recent tragic events should give us the incentive to get it

right once and for all."

Earlier, the shadow home secretary, Jack Straw, had pledged that Labour would not how to pressure from the gun lobby and renewed his commitment to benning civil-

Cuts a problem on Mersey beat

Peter Hetherington

HE last 12 months have hit us hard." sighed the young woman constable as she prewoman constable as she pre-pared for another round of evening meetings to calm a troubled community. "I would not have expected any-thing like this." Like the rest of Mersey-side's fast-depleting police force, PC Karen Austin

knows she could be fighting a losing battle against crime, up by six times the national average over the past year.
Her colleague in the Waver-tree and Riverside division of Liverpool, PC Lawrence Jef-fries, recalled a week of morning shifts. "The amount of armed robberies took me by surprise — every morning, one after the other, with

shootings as well." With a steadily reducing budget for the Merseyside force, the two community liaison officers often give up their free time, working 12 hours shifts.

Along with the council, church and other agencies, they organise activities for children, aged eight to 14, for three nights every week. "We have to teach them the difference between right and wrong." ence between right and wrong

before it's too late."
With streets selected on a rota basis, they know they are only skimming the problems in a police division of 70.000 people, characterised by high unemployment and a range of social ills.

Rising crime — including a 46 per cent increase in armed robberies over the past year — would be bad enough. But it is combined with deep cuts in the police budget. Mersey-side is preparing to shed an-other 150 officers, on top of 200 lost last year. Chief constable Jim Shar-ples said resources were being lost at a time when de-mands have never been

mands have never been greater. "There is a very, very considerable increase in areas which are resource-in-tensive and require very sophisticated policing.

Increase disappoints police chief

Gang ransacks home in £40,000 longer have. "Every kitchen cupboard was taken, along with the fridge and the freezer, all of them full of food." They also removed the kitchen sink.

What Walnustelet young couple's home, ex-

Martin Walnwright

HUNDRED and ninetynine of West York-shire's daily average of 200 burglaries were dismally routine this week, but the final break-in had Inspector Steven Hobson's

young couple's home, ex-cept a king-size waterbed. Copper radiator pipes gaped from the skirting boards at Bronte Villas in Cross Roads, a quiet hamlet near Haworth. The kitchen used to be, and rubble sur-rounds the sitting room

When the Browns returned from house-hunt-ing, they found nowhere to

sit in the stone-clad home, valued at £230,000. All the furniture had gone in the three months in targeting \$40,000 raid, plus most of criminals, using intellithe bathroom including a bldet and the radiators.

set in the context of a longer-term fall

incidents.

He added the force had been successful in the last gence material in a drive bldet and the radiators.

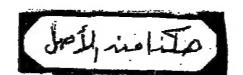
The couple have moved temporarily to a caravan at Morecambe, after Mrs Brown found the wrecked house unbearable. eyes popping.

As if to illustrate the downward slip of crime prevention statistics — with a 1.7 percent rise in the county, four times the national rate — thieves took everything from a life busined in the sitting room fireplace.

The couple have moved the constant of the couple have moved the comporarily to a caravan at Morecambe, after Mrs Brown found the wrecked house unbearable.

West Yorkshire's chief constable, Keith Hellawell, the couple have moved the constant of the relatively small number of hardened professionals. These are likely to include the experienced dismantlers who ransacked Bronte Villas in hours, apparently aware the Browns had gone out for the day.





The Guardian

Agriculture minister airlifted out by helicopter as 5,000 Irish protest at the impact on income of the beef crisis

Survey reveals rise in violence

Farmers besiege **Euro BSE meeting**

Stephen Bates in Killarney

HOUSANDS of Irish livestock farmers facing financial crisis be-cause of BSE yester-day besieged European agriculture ministers in their

agriculture ministers in their hotel at Killarney. More than 5,000 farmers, frustrated at being kept sev-eral hundred yards from the meeting of ministers discussing compensation payments, broke through a thin line of gardai to protest at the front door of the hotel.

Shutters were run down over the windows of the room in which the ministers were meeting and Franz Fischler, the agriculture commissloper, was later airlifted out by helicopter.
Ivan Yates, the embar-

rassed Irish agriculture min-ister, who chaired the meeting, was shouted down as he

The protest overshadowed the end of the meeting at which the ministers agreed to bring forward compensation for European farmers who have suffered because of the 20 per cent drop in consumer demand for beef in the wake of the BSE crisis.

The British government's refusal to carry out the agreement reached at June's Florence summit to cull up to 140,000 cattle was not dis-cussed, although Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minis-ter, had a private meeting with Mr Fischler.

Leaving the ministers' meeting, Mr Hogg said: "We have had a very useful discus-sion about how we can reduce beef production in line with demand."

In a package which is likely to be endorsed by the Euro-pean Commission at its weekly meeting in Brussels later today, the ministers agreed that £400 million will appealed to the farmers to allow guests to leave the hotel, but the largely good-humoured demonstration dispersed after police appeals.

The commission today will discuss a plan to label all meat sold in the EU with farm of origin and a guarantee that it is BSE free. A final compensation package will be put to farm ministers in Luxembourg at the end of October. Mr Yates told a press con-ference: "Without the actions

we have taken, the situation for farmers would be very much worse. It is a problem of consumer confidence and we are trying to restore that."
Outside, farmers were singing, chanting and waving placards demanding action.

For many farmers in Ireland up to half their income comes from the commission. The average size of farmers' herds is only 12 cattle and they have lost about £184 on the value of each animal since the BSE crisis broke in March.

Michael Burkey, general secretary of the Irish Farmers' Association, said the demonstration showed how bitterly let down farmers felt.
"We are angry and feel we are
being sold down the
Swannee."

BSE fears after carcass find at hunt's kennels

DORSET hunt kennels is being investigated after the discovery of a field of rotting animal carcasses, some of which inspec-tors fear could have been infected with the BSE virus. Hunt kennels at Toller Porcorum, near Dorchester, face prosecution and closure if

they are found to have

breached health regulations. Monitors from the League Against Cruel Sports, whose year-long surveillance of the site sparked the investiga-tion, described it as a "scene

Ron White, regional repre-sentative of LACS, spent a year photographing and vi-deoing the kennels, which opened in 1977. He called yes terday for its closure and prosecution of the owner. "When I first went out

there, the wind was blowing towards me, and I could smell it from about 500 yards

"It was like a scene from hell, and we believe it posed a erious health risk.

"We observed a whole field covered with lumps of flesh and bone in various stages of decomposition. We saw the front half of a calf surrounded by flies and rats, with mag-gots coming out where the head should have been."

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Mr White also filmed a filthy, run-down wooden shack which was used as a rendering shed to prepare the meat. Outside, offal bins were left open and there was no evidence of banned offal hav-ing been dyed as required by the regulations.

Bones and remains dragged away by foxes and other animals were discovered in

hedgerows on a public nature trail next to the site. Hunt kennels come under the Animal By-Products Order, introduced in 1992 to prevent BSE-infected meat reaching humans, because

they have traditionally of-fered farmers a cheap collection service for injured or dead livestock. The raw flesh is fed to the hounds.

Under the regulations, all plants handling specified bo-vine material have been monitored by the State Veterinary Service to ensure the removal Owners of the Ytene Mink of all tissue known potentially to harbour BSE infectivity. In September and October last year, inspectors visiting 447 knackeries and hunt kennels - separate figures are not available — found almost half were not properly disposing of banned offal; the figure fell to less than 2 per cent by June. But the Ytene Hunt was not

registered as a hunt kennels and therefore had never been inspected since the regulations came into force.

Dorset trading stand ficers entered the site last week and reported the owner for failing to comply with the regulations, failing to keep collection records and not dis-posing of waste matter in an

appropriate manner.

Bill Jaggs, the deputy trading standards officer, said he could not comment on details of the investigation, which could take several weeks. A second inspection yesterday showed that the owners had taken steps to clean up the

site, he said. Water quality inspectors from the Environment Agency were also called in over fears that waste matter could have washed into the River Hooke, which flows into the Frome. The River Frome flows through

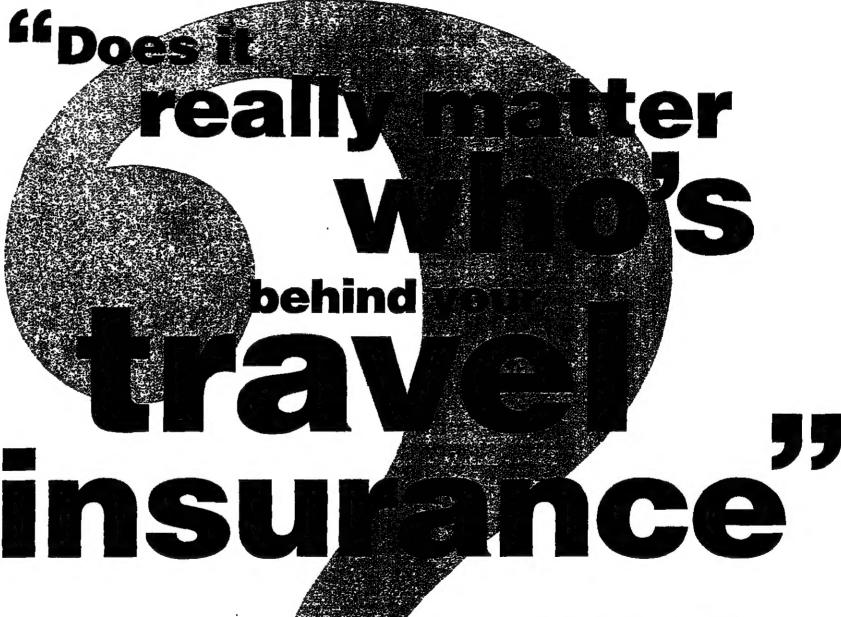
Dorchester.

A spokesman confirmed that the kennels were the subject of an investigation. He said he was concerned that the lack of collection records may have allowed unscrupulous farmers to offload infected cattle without knowledge of the authorities. edge of the authorities.
The owner, Rose Whitcombe, could not be reached



An investigator photographs the remains of cattle at the kennels in a field described as a 'scene from hell'

New Labour's image handlers should hastily acquire some of Macmillan's sangfroid. Instead, they seem hell-bent on Wilson-style confrontation. Francis Wheen





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Dole must settle for silver in Golden State



Even fellow Republicans admit: 'He's going to get slaughtered in California. He's going to get killed. Jonathan Freedland

reports from

Los Angeles

American politics: as California goes, so goes the nation. If the rule holds true in November. then Bob Dole might as well build his retirement home

For President Clinton has all but locked up the Golden State. whose 54 votes make it the richest prize in America's electoral college. The latest Los Angeles Times poll has the president 17 points ahead of his Popublican challenger. of his Republican challenger. "He's got zero, zero, zero chance," said one Los Angeles Republican. "Dole's going to get slaughtered in California.

He's going to get killed." It shouldn't be this way. Mr Dole has bought heavy TV ad-vertising in California, he has visited repeatedly and the state has a habit of electing Republicans, including the "favourite sons" Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan. In 1994 the Republican governor. Democratic opponent and dozens of Republicans took House seats in that year's anti-Clinton landslide.

Yet now Bob Dole is struggling to avoid humiliation. The cause of his trouble is a combination of good timing and canny strategy by the than \$18.4 billion Californians: they would be White House and a series of [£11.8 billion] in federal disast on line by the end of 1996.

of a vendetta by the Whitewater independent

counsel Kenneth Starr yes-terday while a report called

Hillary Clinton's legal

work in Arkansas back into

question, writes Martin

Walker in Washington.
"Isn't it obvious?" Mr

Clinton demanded, when

asked during a television interview whether the Ken-

Mr Clinton has visited Cali-fornia 27 times since taking office, mounting a four-year permanent campaign for re-election in the state. He has showered it with largesse, in the best pork-barrel tradition of American politics. More than \$18.4 billion

peak for themselves.

investigation.

He cited the claim of his

former Whitewater partner

Susan McDougal, now serv-

ing a contempt of court sen-

tence for refusing to give testimony to Mr Starr's

"Susan McDougal and

her lawyers said the prose-

T is one of the oldest rules | Pete Wilson, trounced his | own goals by the Republicans, | ter relief has compensated for the earthquakes, floods and formia since 1992. When Mr Clinton an-

nounced that he wanted every US high school connected to he made an extra promise to

was the truth or not

there's a lot of evidence to

support that."
The eight federal judges

in Arkansas yesterday ap-pealed in unison to the US

attorney-general, Janet

Reno, to decide whether Mr

Starr should be hauled into

court to answer a legal

complaint that he is too

The president is benefiting from a country wide economic recovery, but the surge in California is outpacing the rest. The state's economy lagged behind in the early 1990s, battered by post-cold war defence cuts. Now it is buoyed by growin in enter-

tainment tourism, exports and the hi-tech industries

Clinton accuses Whitewater investigator of vendetta PRESIDENT Clinton neth Starr investigation tell the truth. They wanted her to say something about of a vendetta by the against him. "The facts of fifth Clintons whether it partisan to be doing his job. Meanwhile federal regu

lators issued a report which said that Mrs Clin-ton had as a lawyer drafted legal documents for the failing Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan which were later used to deceive bank examiners. Mrs Clinton's lawyers said she had "no knowledge" of her clients' subsequent attempts to

president has rich them in Hollywood. Earlier this month, Barbra Streisand, Tom Hanks and fellow celebs stumped up \$4.5 million for Mr Clinton in an evening.

To cap it all, the president has seen a whole new constituency added to the electorate. Hispanic immigrants are sud-denly rushing to become US citizens, automatically registering to vote as they do so. More than a million immigrants are expected to swear the oath of allegiance by Christmas, one third of them in California — and initial polls suggest up to 70 per cent of them are registering as

Their motive is fear, they worry their rights are under threat from Republican laws designed to curb illegal immigration. Chief among them is Proposition 187, passed in phor for his campaign.

concentrated in Silicon | California in 1994, which denies the children of illegals schooling and all but emergency healthcare.

Mr Dole seems to be on the

wrong side of every issue that matters. His statements ques-tioning whether nicotine is harmful or addictive did not play well in health-conscious California. The Republican-led Congress's milbest of he led Congress's rollback of key environmental laws provoked ire. And Mr Dole's opposition to abortion is unpopular in a state where all the leading Republicans are "pro-choice" He tried to play the local card last week, praising the LA Dodgers baseball team. Except he called them the Brooklyn Dodgers, a name they lost people 40 many they lost nearly 40 years ago. And in youth-worshipping California, the 73-year-old candidate made an even worse stumble: he fell flat on his back, giving the world's

Nuclear states put names to test ban treaty

lan Black in New York

AILING a "giant step forward", President Bill Clinton yesterday led the world's declared nuclear powers in signing a global treaty outlawing nuclear tests.

Malcolm Rifkind, Britain's Foreign Secretary, followed counterparts from China. Russia and France to the General Assembly podium to sign the treaty, which Mr Clinton said "points ustowards a cenin which the roles and risks of nuclear weapons can be even further reduced and ultimately eliminated".

Mr Clinton. far ahead in the polls for the November election, put his name to the document using the same pen with which John Kennedy signed the partial test ban treaty halting atmospheric nuclear tests in 1963.

Sensitive to charges of United States hostility to the UN. Mr Clinton blamed Republicans — "some Americans . . . who ignore our interdependence and the benefits of co-operation" - and pledged to pay Washington's

'It will be told that testing happened in the 20th century and never again'

(2665 million) to the cashstrapped organisation as long as reforms continued

Before his speech. Mr Clinton met the UN secretary-general, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, for 15 minutes. Conspicuously, there was no discussion of Mr Boutros-Ghali's future after American insistence that it will veto a second term for the Egyptian. But they agreed on the importance of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). Mr Boutros-Ghali said: "A major milestone has been

iched in making the world safer for generations to come."
The president, citing objections by India, said: "Some have complained that it does not mandate total nuclear dis-

them, do not forsake the benefits of this achievement by ignoring the tremendous progress we have made towards that goal."

He also called for ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Republican-dominated Senate has not yet done so), for the freezing of production of fissile material. and for further reductions in nuclear arsenals when Russia ratifies the Start 2 agreement. But he was on more contentious ground with a renewed call to isolate three "parish"

states. "As long as Iraq threatens its neighbours and people . . . as long as Iran supports and protects terrorists . as long as Libya refuses to give up the people who blew up Pan Am 103 [over Locker-bie] ... they cannot become full members of the family of nations," he insisted

Afterwards, the Russian foreign minister, Yevgeny Primakov, insisted that sanctions should be used only in "exceptional cases". Mr Rifkind, in a low-key

address mostly devoted to trade and development, made a pitch for support for a UN empt from refugee status people linked to terrorism — a device crafted largely to deny militant Muslim fundamentalists asylum in Britain. He also urged continued in-ternational interest in Hong Kong after its return to China

in July. But the treaty dominated the day. "In the annals of history, it will be told that nuclear testing happened over a period of 40 years in the 20th century Norway's prime minister, Gro Harlem Brundtland

CTBT still faces an enormous uphill struggle," warned the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. "Forty-four named countries are compelled to force. This is unprecedented in disarmament talks and tactics. The turbulent negotiations have shown ... that if the nuclear club does not start making serious progress on disarmament soon then it will have been little more than a public relations farce."



every rainy season, flowing north to the Tonle Sap lake after being swollen by flood waters

Mayan relics lost to expert looters

IT NEVER occurred to Roberto Rojas that his hobby of collecting Mayan relics from a nearby archaeological site could get him into trouble. "I've been doing it since I was seven," he said from his cell in Chetumal "Anyone

who passes by can find ply increase profits. who repairs typewriters, had been out of work for six months and was decreased as the stone stellar or street in the stellar in the street in th months and was desperate for money. The police picked him up before he could sell the dozen pieces he had in his backpack and then confis-

Only a few of the 200,000 ar chaeological sites in Mexico have not been looted by casual collectors like Roberto or by gangs supplying the inter-national black market.

cated another 238 pieces from

his family home. Now he could face a 10-year jail

"We just don't know the scale of this clandestine traffic," said Enrique Nalda of the national anthropological institute, the body responsible for protecting the coun-try's pre-Columbian heritage. "It's profoundly depressing

- a kind of rape. Once you text, you lose the chance to study its meaning." The trade is fuelled by

wealthy foreign collectors, dealers, and auction houses.
"So long as there are collectors, whether private or public, and there is a black market in which pieces can fetch thousands of dollars, [looting] will persist." Alejandro Martinez, an archaeologist, writes in the current issue of Arqueologia Mexicana.

Dr Martinez, the co-ordinator of archeology for the institute, says the "only effective way of containing the looting is through tougher legislation

to dissuade the collectors". A Unesco convention banning the international trade in stolen relics has proved ineffectual. Clemency Chase Coggins, of Boston University, says economic factors are to blame.

He said grave-robbing — the "second oldest profes-sion" — was inevitable as any attempts to curb it would sim-

lars, which were often sawn into pieces before being transported. Small jade or ceramic items, which fit into a suitcase, have become more popular. Traffickers receive pieces

found by peasant farmers but. occasionally, also from wellorganised and expensive digs where heavy equipment is used. In one case, traffickers spent about \$80,000 (£51,000) to remove the carved stone is cade of a Mayan temple which they later sold for \$400,000.

In 1983, traffickers in Guer-rero state hired more than 30 workers for six months to dig for Olmec relics. Experts who studied the 60-odd pits they left said the group had used specialised equipment, possietrating radar.

The big traffickers are rarely caught, and the treat ment for those arrested is often lenient.

Jose Luis Valdez was caught last year with more than 2,500 items worth about \$300 million. He was charged with possession and quickly released on bail of less than \$7,000, although he had a record of trafficking.

Roberto Rojas, who had collected mainly fragments, said: They want 10,000 pesos [about £830] to let me out. I wish I'd never thought of the idea."

Turks pound PKK hideaway

Chris Nuttall in Ankara

tinued its military onslaught in the eastern province of Tunceli on a forst where, according to commanders, up to 250 separatist Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) fighters were holed up. Warplanes bombed the Kin-zir forest, helicopter gunships were in action and an esti-mated 20,000 troops were deployed in what could prove to be the last big push against the guerrillas before the Ana-tolian winter sets in and a plan to phase out a state of emergency in south-eastern

Turkey comes into effect The hunt also appeared to be on again for the PKK's elusive regional commander, Semdin Sakik. Intelligence sources said he may recently

have returned to Tunceli from northern Iraq.

The security forces were acting on information from a captured PKK militant that fighters were preparing to carry out ambushes from the mountainous area. After pounding it from the air, troops were expected to a series of the capture of the troops were expected to carry out a mopping-up operation.
Officials said 10 men and one
woman from the PKK had
been killed in fighting at close

quarters. Rebels launched an attack on a police post in the town of Tunceli in the early hours of yesterday. The authorities said the clash lasted for three Two police officers were Elsewhere, two German

tourists were reported to have

been kidnapped when mili-tants stopped a bus on its way to the eastern city of Van.
The military operation coincides with a visit to the area by the chief of general staff, General Ismail Hakki Kara-dayi He said: "Operations are

continuing in the whole region, not just Tuncell." The "terrorists" had suffered "a considerable loss", he added.
"They will not be able to bear
it for long."
Officials said 460 rebels had

been killed in the south-east since August 15. But the PKK has defied military reports of its imminent demise in the past and Turkey has been frustrated by the refuges the rebels have found in Syria, iran and northern Iraq. The foreign minister, Tansu

Ciller, said this week that Turkey was still prepared to im-pose a security zone inside northern Iraq to combat PKK infiltration. She was back-tracking on remarks attributed to her in a New York Times interview that Turkey wanted President Saddam Hussein to again impose his authority on the north.

The 12-year-old conflict in the south-east has given rise to allegations of human rights abuses. An Amnesty Interna-tional delegation headed by its secretary-general, Pierre Sané, will arrive in Ankara today to discuss with the gov-ernment "the deteriorating human rights situation".

Gambians schooled for the vote

pean women in search of ad- 22 - a cross between a Swiss

The country's military ruler aims to keep power in tomorrow's presidential election, writes Joseph Winter in Banjul

HE tiny west African by the then Lieutenant Jamstate of The Gambia useh, that while Sir Dawda goes to the polls tomorrow to elect a president after 26 months of military rule. Four candidates are standing but only two are potential winners: the current head of state, Colonel Yayha Jammeh, and Ousainou Darboe, a lawyer and the compromise candidate of the various interests opposed to rule by young soldiers.

On July 22 1994 one of the most stable and democratic regimes in Africa was over-thrown in a matter of hours by a group of officers, all under 30. President Dawda Jawara, who had ruled since independence from Britain in 1965, escaped in an American warship, first to Senegal, then

The soldiers said they seized power because of "corruption and lack of development" under the ousted government. Many Gambians agreed with the soldiers, led

may have avoided the chaos seen in some neighbouring states, living conditions were as low as ever. But they did not want military rule to last

very long. In this country of I million people, everyone knows every-one else and public opinion is powerful. With additional pressure from the West, the Armed Forces Provisional Ruling Council (AFPRC) agreed to hold multi-party elections after two years.

The elections are mobilis-ing the entire population: upwards of 75 per cent of those eligible are expected to vote. Little has actually changed under military rule. Armed soldiers do not man checkpoints on every street corner. The markets remain an explosion of noise, smells and colour. On the beaches, muscle-bound young men still flex their wares in front of Eurodaymakers in 1993/4, advised those without essential business to stay away, and the following year only 20,000 Britons passed through Yun-

The tourism ministry reacted by wooing new customers. Dutch, French and Spanish are now frequently heard beaches and arrivals have climbed back to around 60 per cent of pre-coup levels.

Peaceful elections are ential to keep tourism on

the rise. The signs are hopeful, al-though the two-week cam-paign has been marked by physical and verbal violence. "A vote for Jammeh is a vote for God," his supporters rejoice. "Yahya Jammeh has saved our country."

He has built far more

now have their own televi-sion station, hospitals, and a university. He has certainly been very busy.

But his opponents point to the £650,000 wasted on Arch

schools in two years than Sir Dawda did in 30. Gambians

venture. But tourism, once responsible for 12 per cent of Triomphe, named after the GDP, has not fared well. Britain, the source of 60,000 holising a statue of a soldier cradling a little child.

"He's a ruthless, power crazy drug dealer," they roar Scores of people opposed to military rule have been ocked up without trial, some for more than two years.

Although Col Jammeh has retired from the army — the new constitution forbids secu-

rity personnel from standing for office — his sense of democratic fair play remains ques-tionable. The entire state ap-paratus has been directed towards securing his victory. When the ban on other po when the ban on thick parties was lifted six weeks ago, the three largest parties of the Jawara era were quickly outlawed, offi-

cially for corruption. This may have been meant to ensure Col Jammeh's vic-tory, but it has united his opponents behind a political newcomer, "Lawyer" Darboe, who has a realistic chance of winning

But Col Jammeh's youth (three-quarters of Gambians are under 35), propaganda and schools are see him through.

News in brief

Revisionist fights for visa

David Irving, a rightwing British historian who denies the Nazi Holocaust happened challenged the Australian government yesterday to overturn a ban on his entry after the prime minister, John Howard, called at the weekend for more free speech and less political correctness. Mr Irving, who has questioned Hitler's involvement in the extermination of millions of Jews, said he would reapply for a visa to visit Aus-tralia. — AP.

Mexican killing

Jorge Garcia Vargas, a federal police officer in charge of fighting drug trafficking along the US border with Mexico. was tortured and shot to death, the seventh time this year that a senior police officer in northern Mexico has been killed. The corpses of three other men — also tortured — were found with Garcia Vargas. - AP.

Bomb-proof homes Bomb shelters will be built in from next year. Air raid shelters have been under con- Daily reported. - AP.

hospitals and government-built flats. Officials say 318 have been completed and an-other 128 are planned. — AP. £10m film record

struction for years in schools,

Independence Day, a Holly-wood film about invading space aliens, smashed opening weekend box office remg weekend box omice re-cords in Germany, film indus-try officials said yesterday. Directed by the German-born expatriate Roland Emmerich.

No fighting pledge

four days. — Reuter.

the film earned DM22,628,312 [£10 million] and attracted

1,918,566 people in its first

Bangladesh's foreign minister, Abul Hasan Chowdhury, has promised action to keep Bangladeshi workers from getting into fights in Malay-sia. a senior Malaysian offisia. a senior Malaysian offi-cial said yesterday. There have been reports of Bangla-deshi workers "disturbing" Malaysian women and light-ing with Malaysians. — AP.

Typhoon victims The most savage typhoon to batter China's Hainan Island

in a decade left at least 38 people dead and 96 others missing, the official China hours and left two guerrillas dead, one of them a woman.

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Call to castrate sex abusers to kill Rushdie'

lan Traynor in Berlin

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ERMANY was plunged into an agonised debate on whether sex of-fenders should be chemically castrated yester-day after it emerged that a convicted child abuser had confessed to the murder last week of a seven-year-old girl. The deeply conservative and Roman Catholic region of

Landsberg in Bavaria was stunned by the news that Natalie Astner, who was ab-ducted in broad daylight in the village of Epfach on Friday, was murdered by a man released early from a jail sentence for child abuse.

Following the recent legis | The unnamed 27-year-old | Bavarian judicial sources | The post-mortem revealed lation in California on chemi- | Bavarian electrician, who | said he was also guilty of that she had been stripped

cal castration for sex offend-ers and the outrage provoked in Europe by the child abuse scandal in Belgium. Claudia Nolte, the federal minister for family affairs, said chemical castration should be considered to safeguard children.

"When perpetrators with sexual disorders cannot be sexual disorders cannot be helped with therapy, I can imagine that we should think about chemically reducing their sexual drive," she said.

"We must examine all possibilities to protect children from sexual abuse."

After the recent Stockholm international conference on

international conference on child sex abuse, but before last week's case, Ms Noite declared a new campaign for the protection of children.

Belgians arrest 12th suspect

She was described as the

Two of the 12 arrested in

companion of one of the leading suspects, Michel

the case, which involves the kidnapping and sexual

abuse of at least six girls, four of whom were found dead, were subsequently released. — AP.

year after serving three years

BELGIAN police made their 12th arrest yester-day in the country's childmurder and kidnapping

Maricen De Cockere, aged 40, was held on criminal conspiracy charges. prosecutors told the national news agency.

knew Natalie's father, has admitted murdering but denied to 23. He was released last mitted murdering but denied sexually abusing her. He was sentenced in 1993 to of the sentence. our and a half years for sexufour and a half years for sexually molesting two girls, aged

found in the River Lech near

The villagers of Epfach, in a state of shock, have been gathering every evening in the village church for a silent Theo Waigel, the federal finance minister and leader of Bavaria's ruling rightwing Christian Social Union, called for a review of probation procedures for sexual offend-

ers and said none should be prematurely released without having first undergone

A Bavarian government spokesman said that expert evidence was given at the 1993 trial that the electrician was not disturbed or unbalanced and therefore need not

naked and sexually abused to a state of unconsciousness he fore she was dumped in the river, where she drowned.

undergo any form of sexual therapy while in jail. He is said to have behaved impectably during his three years in jail, and all those involved with his case recommended

probation.

The most recent positive report by his probation offi-cer and therapist was made less than a month ago, the spokesman said.

The man has admitted to the police that he abducted the girl and dumped her body in the river, but has denied sexually assaulting her, and claimed that he wanted to kidnap her and blackmail her

parents for money.

When the girl started crying and screaming, he is said to have told police, he strangled her and threw her in

IRAN has reiterated that its death edict against the British author Salman Rushdie is irrevocable, but added it will not send anyone to kill him.

The statement came shortly before the Iranian foreign minister, Ali Akbar Velayati, was due to meet European Union foreign ministers from Italy, Ireland and the Netherlands at the United Nations in New York last night.

The foreign ministry said in the statement published in the newspaper Jomhuri Eslami yesterday that Iran's stand remained unchanged and was based on "the irrevocability of the fature by the Imam [late Ayatollah Khomeini] and ... Iran

not sending any commandos (to kill Mr Rushdie)".

The statement, made in reply to the hardline conservative newspaper which had warned against new negotiations with the EU regarding Mr Rushdie, appeared to be the first occasion

on which Iran has outlined this stand in writing, though senior officials had repeatedly expressed it verbally.

British media reports in June said several EU states backed a deal under which letters would be exchanged, with the EU saying the fattou was "valid and irrevocable" in return for a switten question that Tables a would not see that I written guarantee that Tehran would not send agents to kill Rushdie. - Reuter, Tehran.

Juppé to call confidence vote

THE French prime minister. Alain Juppé, seeking to unite a fractious centre-right coalition, said yesterday he will seek a vote of confidence in his economic policy when parliament reconvenes next week. Since the coalition holds four-fifths of the seats in the national assembly, the outcome of the vote is a foregone

However, Mr Juppe's tactic appeared aimed at outflanking critics in his own ranks of his austerity programme. Several coalition politicians have criticised his planned income tax cuts as inadequate and sought a change in economic priorities to boost sluggish growth and combat record 12.5 per cent unemployment. By calling a confidence motion, Mr Juppe is effectively challeng-ing his critics to put up or shut up.

A recent opinion poll showed public approval of Mr Juppe at just 27 per cent. The rating of the president, Jacques Chirac, was only slightly better at 31 per cent. — Rewer, Decuville.

Eastwood and Locke settle

THE actor Clint Eastwood and his ex-lover Sondra Locke settled their court hattle vesterday and a judge interrupted jurges in their third day of deliberations to tell them they could go home. Eastwood and Locke were not at court when their lawyers told the superior court judge David Schacter that both parties had settled the civil case, a court clerk said. Details of the settlement were confidential.

Locke, aged 49, filed the \$2 million (£1.3 million) fraud and contractual interference lawsuit against the actor claiming that her film deal with Warner Brothers was a sham backed by Eastwood so that she would drop a 1989 palimony suit she filed gainst him. - AP, Burbank.

Seoul to review line on North

THE South Korean president, Kim Young sam, is considering changing policy towards North Korea after a Northern submarine dropped heavily armed agents on a Southern beach, Seoul media

Presidential spokesmen were not available to comment but the defence ministry said South Korea will propose to the United States a resumption of joint Team Spirit war games, scrapped last year as a gesture of peace to North Korea. An estimated 26 North Korean agents came ashore on an east

coast beach near the city of Kangnung last Wednesday. Nine were killed by security forces, 11 were found shot dead — possibly murdered by their own colleagues — one was captured and five were thought to be on the run. Mr Kim denounced the infiltration as an act of "military provocation". — Reuter, Seoul.

Dalai Lama visit angers China

THE Chinese foreign ministry said yesterday that Australia was interfering in the country's internal affairs by bosting Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, and that the visit would

The Australian prime minister, John Howard, defying threats of trade retaliation, has agreed to meet the Dalai Lama in Sydney on Thursday. The meeting "would cast a shadow over Sino-Australian relations", Shen Guofang, a foreign ministry spokes man, said.

China is Australia's sixth largest trading partner, with twoway trade worth around £3.4 billion in the year to June 30 1995. Belijing routinely opposes all attempts to muster international support by the Dalai Lama, whom it condemns as a pro-indepen-dence crusader out to split China. — Rewer, Beijing.

Daredevil's skyscraper walk

A S thousands held their breath nearly 400ft below, Jay Cochrane, a along a tightrope connecting two skyscrapers

in Shanghai yesterday. Carrying a balancing pole and without any apparent safety harness, Mr Cochrane began the floodlit-stunt tentatively. But with pop music blaring, and applause from the several thousand paying specatators, he took just 15 minutes to complete the

200-yard walk. The event, part of Shanghai's tourism on television. — Reuter. Shanghai.



estival, was broadcast live

ISRAEL asserted its claim to the whole of Jerusalem yesterday by extending an archaeological tunnel which runs the length of the Al Aqsa mosque, the third holiest site in Islam.

Tunnel undermines Arafat

The Palestinian Authority president. Yasser Arafat, said the work — carried out after midnight under heavy police protection was a "big crime against our religious and holy places". Palestinians stoned the police from the mosque compound

Muslim clerics claim that the tunnel, excavated over the past 12 years, endangers the stability of the adjoining mosque buildings. The tunnel lets tourists visit Roman and medieval sites. The new work provides a second entrance, allowing a big increase in

Nurses reject short white skirts

Nurses in dozens of public hospitals and clinics in New Delhi struck for two hours yesterday in support of demands for a new dress code. They object to white uniforms — the colour of widowhood in India — and knee-length dresses. — AP, New Delhi.



"I thought Mei Brooks was one of the most powerful men on earth and knew what he was doing. He was chief writer on Sid Caesar's Show Of Shows,

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Troops guard vote count

Lawrence Sheets in Yerevan

LITE commando troops took up positions around key buildings in the Armenian capital, Yerevan, yesterday as the dispute continued over Sunday's presidential election. More than 100 soldiers

fanned out around the large brick parliament building and security was stepped up at President Levon Ter-Petrosyan's official residence. A sence separated the sol-

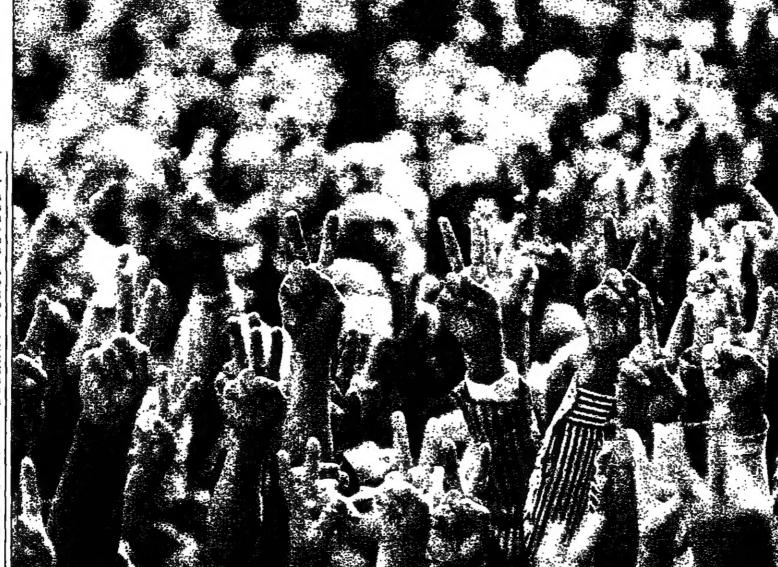
diers guarding parliament from 25,000 people, waving national flags and shouting anti-presidential slogans in support of Mr Ter-Petrosyan's election rival, Vazgen Manukyan. Mr Ter-Petrosyan on Mon-day proclaimed a "brilliant

victory" in his quest for a second five-year term over the former prime minister. Mr Manukyan, but his marvotes are counted. Around a dozen armed men

reinforced guards at the pres-idential palace while soldiers armed with Kalashnikov rifles sealed off the television Parliament houses the Central Election Commission. which has been counting

cials left in the mid-afternoon

and stopped giving updates on vote totals. A scheduled press briefing was also abruptly called off. The last incomplete figures showed Mr Ter-Petrosyan with 51,99 per cent of the vote to 41.16 per cent for Mr Manukyan. The other two candi-dates failed to win any substantial backing. Mr Ter-Petrosyan needs more than



Supporters of Vazgen Manukyan, former prime minister and leader of the Armenian opposition, raise their hands at a rally held in Yerevan against PHOTOGRAPHE JOHN HOULTHAN alleged government vote-rigging and intimidation. Widespread irregularities have been reported

saying that Mr Ter-Petrosyan's share of the vote had fallen to 48 per cent after fur-

Everyone has left the building," said one of the solguarding the

parliament. Mr Manukyan, aged 50, has said the government rigged ing procedures. It detailed in-the yote in favour of Mr Ter-cidences of soldiers being or-50 per cent of the vote to avoid

Armenian state radio later | Petrosyan. The former prime | dered to vote for Mr Ter- | had established the culprits | atic fraud on a massive scale. quoted the commission as | minister led 50,000 protesters | Petrosyan by their command | were | Ter-Petrosyan | The vast majority of us are through the streets of central Yerevan on Monday.

The Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, which has been coordinating 89 international observers, issued a preliminary report criticising "very serious" irregularities in voting procedures. It detailed in-

Petrosyan by their command-ing officers and said members of the armed forces and inte rior ministry had been present in many polling stations contrary to the law.

papers. Observers said they

In one case the report said a group of people had cut off the power supply to one Yerevan polling station and then stolen a ballot box and

campaigners. The report stopped short however of formally question-ing the legitamacy of the elec-

tion, saying the abuses "do not in themselves constitute a systematic attempt to deny the will of the people". But one observer said:

"What most of us saw was definitely classifiable as system-

Ter-Petrosyan | The vast majority of us are very unhappy with the report. We felt it tried to hard to avoid embarrassing the government."
"I thought the report

should have said specifically who committed the abuses. Most of the irreguarities we saw were being committed by Ter-Petrosyan's people," an-other said. — Reuter.

Lithuanian bombs Final approval likely for hit British shops

Jon Henley in Helsinki

THREE British-owned optician shops in Lithuania were bombed yesterday, apparently because they had refused to pay protec-

An interior ministry spokesman said evidence indicated that the attacks were co-ordinated and "almost certainly" came after their British owner rejected an offer of "security".
"This company clearly

made someone angry," he

The shops, owned by the Nottingham-based com-pany Vision Express, were in the capital Vilnius, the second-largest city Kaumas, and the northern town of

Vision Express, which also runs stores in Russia, Poland and Latvia, said the bomb attacks had taken place almost simultaneously early yesterday

morning. No one had been injured and the damage was mainly superficial.

The company's chairman.

Dean Butler, denied the stores had been asked to pay protection money. "We have no knowledge of why these attacks were carried out," he said. "No demands for payment were received. We believe we have been unfortunate victims caught up in the wave of organised crime which is affecting businesses in the region."

popular targets. Businesses ranging from newspaper klosks to luxury car importers routinely pay mafia-style gangs for pro-tection, which many claim is cheaper and more effective than relying on the police and insurance companies.

"Everyone pays," said Rita Dapkus, a Lithuanian-American who runs two successful restaurants in Vilnius. "It's a pain, but you're safe if you pay and

you're not if you don't Those who refuse to pay can expect a swift and violent response. More than 60 cars, homes and businesses were bombed, killing five people and injuring 12 others, in Lithuania year, according to the interior ministry. In Estonia, 11 people died in 81 bomb

attacks. Police say the number of reported extortion attempts is declining as gangs move on to drug trafficking or prostitution.

But explosives are still very easy to obtain in all three states. "The Soviet army left a lot of material behind when it pulled out," said a Vilnius police spokesman. "Companies should certainly not dismiss these threats."

'unfair' Bosnian poll

co-ordinated monitoring for the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), said he could not use free" or "fair" to describe the elections.

his supervisors had not wit-nessed fraud "of sufficient magnitude to affect the overall outcome of the elections".

Preliminary results give huge majorities to the Mus-lim, Serb and Croat national-Izetbegovic, gained most votes overall, and is due to address the UN General As-

Later date". There seems little likelihood of a re-run. Diplomats in head of the UN mission in Sarajevo expect Mr van Bosnia, Riza Iqbal, that pretimes more polling Thijn's judgment will be sufficiently results showed a than OSCE teams.

clent for the OSCE to approve turnout among non-refugee the elections — a necessary voters of well over 100 per step before a new Bosnian government can be formed, sanctions can be lifted on Yu-goslavia, and US-led peacekeeping troops can begin to

American juggernaut, and I will tell you exactly what it will do. It will certify the elections," said a European In an apparent step towards

The poll was the most fraudulent of the 11 elections he

ensuring that outcome, the right to certify the elections was taken away last week from the OSCE chairman. Flavio Cotti (the Swiss foreign minister who has been critical about the handling of the elections), and handled to the elections), and handed to Robert Frowick, the US diplomat heading the OSCE mission in Sarajevo who has been the principal apologist for the flawed poll. He is expected to announce certifica-

tion next week.
At a meeting of senior international officials in Sarajevo on September 18, Mr Frowick reportedly shrugged off concerns expressed by the

voters of well over 100 per cent. International Crisis Group analysts believe the turnout, according to OSCE figures, could be as high as 111 per cent. UN officials say Mr Frowick has since been trying to persuade the UN Sarajevo mission to alter its sta-tistics to produce a more plausible result.

The main controversy is

about the estimate of the elec-torate. The original figure calculated separately by OSCE and UN experts was 2.9 mil-lion, but on the basis of this figure, and assuming a real turnout of 80 per cent, there were 600,000 more votes cast than possible.
The turnout among non-

refugee voters can only be brought below 100 per cent if the electorate is radically revised upwards. Mr Frowick ordered such a revision over the weekend, telling his staff to use the figure 3.2 million. That presumes the electorate grew by 200,000 between 1990 and 1996, despite an estimated 250,000 war casualties and the scattering of 2 million refu-gees around the world.

should all use from now on, said an OSCE employee. Another senior official said the poll was the most fraudulent of the 11 elections be had monitored in his career.

Russia and US agree rules for anti-missile defences

Martin Walker in Washington

range anti-missile defenc systems, while insisting that they are abiding by the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty. At the United Nations in New York, the US secretary of state. Warren Christopher, and the Russian foreign minister, Yevgeny Primakov, ini-tialled an agreement which seeks to prevent strategic de-fences like President Reagan's vaunted "Star Wars" system but allows "theatre" systems like the

RUSSIAN and American negotiators have agreed new rules for deploying short-

Patriot of Gulf war fame. Next month talks will start on a second phase of modifying the ABM treaty to allow small-scale defence systems which could protect Russia and the US from individual ballistic missiles fired by

rogue states. Russia and the US remain firmly agreed that nobody should be allowed a huge antimissile system which could nullify the nuclear deterrent by shooting down a full-scale attack. But missile defences short of that are now being permitted.

The White House has been pressing for the agreement, because the Republican Con-

Organised crime has surged in the Baltic states Julian Borger in Sarajevo of Lithuania, Latvia and Es-HE CHIEF international tonia since they broke monitor overseeing the away from the former Bosnian elections gave them his half-hearted bless-Soviet Union in 1991. Western companies are

ing yesterday. Ed van Thijn, a former Dutch interior minister who

He said he was "not compe tent" to judge voting figures which suggest an impossibly high turnout, but added that

ist parties in the three ethnically-separate contests for the presidency.
The Muslim leader, Alija

sembly today. The International Crisis Group, which has been moni-toring the elections independently, published a report yesterday alleging that "the validity of these elections is in serious doubt, the results cannot be certified, and the elections must be re-run at a The OSCE has become an

had monitored

nsuring that outcome, the "The word just went round this was the number we

> Mr van Thijn said ballotstuffing may have been "poss-ible" as there were eight ible" as there were eight defences against small-scale times more polling stations missile attacks by a rogue

gress and its presidential candidate Bob Dole are demanding the urgent installation of defences against small-scale

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Claiming the Union Jack

Mr Ashdown has a cure for Tory Europhobia

ence speech and in an election year all ed occasion, his principal task was to stake out and reinforce a series of distinctive Liberal Democrat positions in anticipation of the next election which will more than ever be dominated by the Conservative-Labour contest. By that yardstick, yesterday in Brighton was a relatively straightforward political job well done.

As usual, those in the hall simply wanted to be uplifted by an inspirational message, to remind them who they were and why they were there. Unlike Tony Blair next week and (even more) John Major in two weeks, Mr Ashdown had no difficulty with that. He is under no challenge within his generally united party and the party has realistic electoral goals. After all these years Mr Ashdown knows how to rekindle the Liberal Democrats' undiminished sense of mission and his troops will clearly leave Brighton on Thursday in as good heart as ever.

Yet a party in good heart does not always win the election, as the Liberal Democrats know better than most. The millions who fleetingly catch the speech on the television at home want (if that is the right word in an era in which politicians are viewed with such cynicism) something less exalted than the activists, but no less memorable. Unobsessed by politics, they simply want to know whether this is a party to which they can entrust their vote and, ultimately, their country.

It was Mr Ashdown's good fortune that he was presented yesterday with a chance to make that twin appeal at a time when it actually matters. His eyes | that opportunity, Mr Ashdown did his were unavoidably on the coming elec- duty there too.

A PARTY leader must always speak to | tion, but there is a government crisis multiple audiences in an annual confer- taking place this week, which might possibly end in a premature implosion the more so. First into the frame this of the Major Cabinet. The rekindled autumn, Paddy Ashdown made a good internal battles over Europe in the fist of his big opportunity yesterday. On conservative Party this week have what was bound to be an overinterpret-shown more clearly than any amount of party conference oratory why it is so imperative for the Tory government to be defeated. The Government is unravelling before our eyes, and Sir Nicholas Bonsor picked out a few more stitches vesterday. The cumulative effect of this is that the long-term national interest in Europe is being shamelessly sacrificed to the Conservative Party's shortterm obsessions, as a fresh crop of Europhobe press onslaughts against Kenneth Clarke shows. Yet the opposition parties have not always found the right words to give voice to this necessity. They have sometimes seemed daunted by the Conservatives' appropriation of the Union Jack. They have feared to find themselves on the wrong end of a jingo election. They have struggled to find an alternative patrictism to combat the brash Little Englandism coursing through the Tory Party

and the right-wing press. Cue Mr Ashdown. The Liberal Democrat leader has developed into a good conference performer and although his speech was over-long, he made a bold effort to show that patriotism and tabloid nationalism do not have to be synonymous. This was urgent work and Mr Ashdown rose to the occasion. The most impressive and most important part of his speech laid into this phoney patriotism of Tory conference speeches, of abusive xenophobic journalism, and

of blaming everything on Europe. Someone needed to speak for the great traditions of internationalist patriotism which the Liberal Democrats and the Labour Party jointly embody. Handed

tasy. We can easily test its va-lidity by asking how many people we actually know in hat inconsolable state. My own reaction to a God-less universe is one of im-mense relief. My morality, like most people's, is neither religious nor scientific but (for better or worse) human. When sober, I don't believe the universe cocks an eye at me, whether in pitiless indifference or with a nod and a wink. I daresay it has better things to think about. Gil Elliot.

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HE crux of the matter, it appears, is the relationship between human consciousness and our evolver capacity to be successful vehicles for genetic material. For the scientific reductionist. consciousness is a largely insignificant by-product of the peculiar combination of that material that goes to produce

ICHARD DAWKINS human beings, and its out says that in the unit standing mysteries will be thought of immortality at least equally dauming.

ARD knows that there is not yet a scientific least equally dauming. but blind pitiless indiffer-

Letters to the Editor

ence" - but how could an in-

animate universe express

that or any other attitude

(Faith, hope and clarity, September 23)? Keith Ward

asserts that the motive of

people without his belief is

without moral constraints" --

but that is the condition of the

claims that an implication of

a Godless universe is "incon-solable despair". This too is a statement of subjective fan-

psychopath, not the infidel Henry Porter himself pro-

"to pursue one's own life

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future neuroscience. For the theologian, consciousness is that divine spark that stands as the condition of possibility of all knowledge, not least the kind of knowledge that Dawkins and Atkins have, as practising scientists, distinguished themselves in the pursuit of.

What this stand-off singularly fails to make explicit is that the antagonists are mirror-images, each defining it-self in antithesis to the other. The presuppositions underlying the reductionist's position are every bit as dogmatic and reliant on faith as the belief in a transcendent God. (Dr) Neil Gascoigne. Lecturer in Philosophy

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WE ATHEISTS are used to our view being casti-gated for its bleakness, but we still find it puzzling. There may be something frightening about life being finite, for ex-

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nature of things. As the uni-

verse displays both order and disorder, there is no logical

Europe. It appears the British Government has made the de-

cision for the people that there is no demand, and is

Unless the Government be-

gins to take organic farming

seriously as a form of sustain-

able agriculture, then its or-

to remain a niche and a target

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AND BEFORE THE BIG BANG THERE WAS ABOLUTELY NOTHING AT ALL ... EXCEPT A SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE.

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he uses his faith to support the meaning behind life. And to his credit he follows his idea that we are responsible for our own moral choices may be a dizzying one, many own Christian path without judging those of other faiths. On the other hand, Dawkins and Atkins take their unble to that of a divine judge duct by his power to reward doubtedly exceptional scientific understanding of life, and then, through fear of not having all the answers, use this knowledge to assert there is no God. How do they know?

Eighty per cent of people THE core of Ward's case against Dawkins and Atexpress some personal experikins, according to Henry Porence of something other; some explain this in terms of God. ter, is whether "intricate pat-terns and substructures of the Dawkins himself writes that to our detriment we are obnatural world imply a desessed with the why question: "We humans have purpose on sign". In other words, does the natural order suggest a the brain". Maybe if he ex-A designer cannot precede tended his scientific mind order — being, in fact, itself a outside his own dogma he form of order. Order, of some kind, must therefore be in the

would restrict his conclusions to his field of work. (Rev) Nic Frances. 12 Prince Alfred Road, Liverpool L15 5B9.

SINCE the meaning of life cannot be understood except in relation to what life is not; and since science can tell us nothing about what cannot be known, and religion can only guess it, the Great Oxford Debate will not go far. The purpose of life is, of course, to live life knowing that its ourpose will not be known. The realisation of this are damaging. Using energy is the anxiety of our age. If is not a sin. Making dirty en-

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Cheers

ERBERT MORRISON was accused of many things. but never until now of being an alcoholic. You allege (Role models, September 18) that Hugh Dalton stated that in 1935 the choice as Labour eader between Attlee and Morrison was between "a nonentity and a drunk". He actu-ally said that, apart from Morrison, this was how the choice presented itself. The "drunk" was Arthur Greenwood Kenneth Morgan.

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ORGANIC vegetable and meat producers have long been an unrecognised and OME may think BT's logo (Letters, September 24) de-picts a "prancing poofter"; marginalised group within but BT engineers I have UK agriculture. Blanket polispoken to liken it to a ballet dancer drinking a yard of ale. cies of cattle culling have highlighted this fact: until Mike Mitchell. recently, the low incidence of BSE in organic herds has 10 Devon Road. Manchester M35 ONR. gone entirely unrecognised. Mark O'Connell. Coachman's Cottage

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T IS claimed that factory farming is cheap, but what about the hidden costs? For instance, the cost of removing pesticides from the water supply and the cost to the NHS of antibiotics failing to work — due in part to the routine feeding of intensively. reared chickens with antibi-otics. This leads to human "super-bugs" which have become immune to most antibi-otics. Then there is the cost of

compensating farmers after

food crises such as salmonella

and BSE. We are all paying a very bigh price and not just financially.

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Life, the universe and everything |Turbines blow hot and cold

FIE wind industry is the author of its own misfor tunes, and the British Wind Energy Association should not blame this organisation for the fact that 80 per cent of planning applications for wind-power stations are rejected (Ingham protest blows out national wind farm plan, September 24).

In its greed for profits, the wind industry (composed largely of privatised utilities and large multi-nationals seeks out the best wind-speed sites regardless of their land-scape value. More than 80 per cent of the targeted sites have been wholly unsuitable for large-scale industrial development. A good current example is the plan to put 100 vast turbines at Rookhope in the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. If the developers had selected more sites like Blyth Harbour - already industrialised, and appropriate for turbines— there would be no opposition and fewer planning refusals. Robert Woodward. Vice-chairman,

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ARE Sir Bernard Ingham And Robert Woodcock proud of their stance on wind power? These blundering Luddites fail to grasp the importance of the industry the known. The realisation to the is the anxiety of our age. If anyone is told the reason I argy is. This country needs to expand wind power in an enterior way. vironmentally sensitive way, but as fast as possible to cut down reliance on fossil and nuclear power. We need more energy to run transport and communications technology: energy for control systems clean cars, and cheap or even free heating for communities. Clean energy does no harm to our planet, and wind farms look better than chimneys. Nick Swift. Marsh Lane, Shepley, Huddersfield

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NEVER thought I would agree with Sir Bernard Ingham on anything, but the day has arrived. I understand that the energy produced in one year by Western Europe's largest wind farm can be equalled by the average coal, oil- or nuclear-power station in two hours. The desecration of our hillsides by these monsters just cannot be worth it for present and future genera-tions to observe. Tidal power is the answer - guaranteed daily energy-generation. (Clir) Peter Speake. Dalmore, Howey, Llandrindod Wells,

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A Country Diary

SOUTH DEVON: Thoreau al- | grossly polluted rivers in its ways saw the south-west as the direction of adventure and freedom: "The future lies that way to me, and the earth seems more unexhausted and richer The Cornish Riviera Express ought to use his words as a motto. It is still the most extraordinary train in the land, so full of picnickers and backpacking pensioners and backpacking pensioners that, even in autumn, you cannot help feel that thrilling sense of beginning a childhood holiday. Beyond the Dorset border the landscape starts to come alive Russants starts to come alive. Buzzards soar over the track and deer watch from the fields. South of Exeter the line follows the edges of the river Exe and Teigne, and every few hun-dred yards I glimpsed a little egret, its wafting white plumage seeming wildly exotic against the English mud. They are moving up from France in increasing num-

southern reaches — the banks were edged with spectacular and beautiful drifts of Indian balsam, a garden escape that also found its wild British foothold in the south-west. On this warm September day, with barely an indigenous species left in bloom, it was a godsend, and the plants were bent over by their insect visitors; beetles, butterflies, drag onflies on the hunt, and be so laden with white pollen that they were blundering into the balsams' explosive seed-pots and setting off sal-voes of flying fruit. I comfess I am an unrepentent fan of opportunist immigrant plants. Contrary to conventional con-servationist belief, the latest research by the Botanical Society of the British Isles suggests that few pose any threats to native vegetation. And they act as buffers against climate change and magnanimous fillers of the growing, man-made holes in our floral fabric.

RICHARD MABEY

Tough on the myths about crime

Michael Howard's prisons policy has made the crisis worse

JUSTICE still lives. Even con artists | last century but would have taken are eventually caught. Even more satis- | years to wipe away by the reductions fying is the thought that he has known | Mr Howard was trumpeting. he was going to be caught for five Of course, all crime statistics need to Five months ago the Guardian reported that Michael Howard's honeymoon was over: crime was going up. The official minutes of a top level Home Office meeting where the alarm bell was rung were leaked to our Home Affairs editor in April. Now it's official. To use the simplistic language so beloved by the Home Secretary: crime is up - prison isn't working.

Just a year ago the Home Secretary told us "a real turning point in the fight against crime" had been reached. At his press conference last year to announce a third consecutive year in which crime had fallen, an ebullient Mr Howard reminded sceptical reporters that this was "only the third time this century" this had happened. Moreover the eight per cent fall over three years was "the largest continuous fall in recorded crime." It was as though heaven was on his side as he battled with the then Lord Chief Justice, who was still insisting that detection, not detention, deterred crime. A wise home secretary would have been more cautious. A more truthful one would have acknowledged that although crime was down in the previous three years, in the three year period before that it had risen by 42 per cent — a rise that was not only the biggest since records began | Joe Public remains unimpressed.

months. He has had plenty of time to be treated with caution. The true figure prepare for yesterday's humiliation. [is not yesterday's five million for recorded crime but a figure almost four times higher - 19 million - as the latest British Crme Survey, also published yesterday, confirms. It is tempting to gloat over Michael Howard but it would be wrong. Too many people in the system have been hurt probation officers, prison officers, police and prisoners. It was Mr Howard who tore up the work of his five Tory predecessors, not Labour. It was Mr Howard who ditched the 1991 Act, billed at the time as the third biggest change in the criminal justice system this century — along with the introduction of probation in 1907 and aboliton of flogging in 1948. The architect of the 1991 Act, David Waddington, was also a hard-liner but even he recognised that prison could be "an expensive way of making bad people worse." Of course, prison was still to have its place but there was to be more emphasis on prevention and community punishment. All this was replaced by Mr Howard's one-club approach: prison works. Now the criminal justice system is in its deepest crisis for years. Only 4 per cent of people surveyed by the Home Office believed crime was falling and some 75 per cent rightly perceived it to be rising. For all the Home Secretary's headline chasing.

Seeking Third Party assurance

The SNP is riding high: but where does it stand on devolution?

but the one starting today in Inverness. Unlike the Liberal Democrats, the Scottish National Party are on the crest of a wave in the polls. Big electoral gains — and the possibility of a key role

in a hung parliament - seem a more realistic prospect for Alex Salmond than Paddy Ashdown right now. In the aftermath of Labour's recent Scottish confusions, the SNP have jumped to 29 election showing. Party leaders believe they are on course to take 12-15 seats (against four now) next time round.

This could be wishful thinking just as long as Labour continues to poll as well that the trend of Scottish opinion is moving the SNP's way again. Certainly Labour's handling of its devolution plans has been a gift to Mr Salmond.

ference may not be the one in Brighton party (only one in four said that 20 years ago). If the result of the general election is tight, then these things will matter very much indeed.

Mr Salmond says he sees the next election as "an all-or-something campaign". We know what "all" means to a Scottish Nationalist - independence. It is not so clear what he implies by "something". In particular, Mr Salmond will have to answer a question per cent, up seven points on their 1992 thrust upon him by Labour's commitment to a referendum. Is his party going to campaign in favour of devolution or against it? Much will hang on the answer. A nationalist party which sees devolution as an untouchable sellas it does. But there can be little doubt out will never command as much trust as one which accepts it as a genuine advance. The SNP has a strong "all-ornothing" tradition. Mr Salmond needs to face it down this week if his party is

THE week's most important party con- | say that the SNP is their second-choice

Nearly three in five Labour voters now to maintain its current surge.

Chains of abuse | Organic farming takes root

JULIE Binder's argument for the law to be changed regarding stalkers in the light HE UK has the lowest per- | organic farming in mainland centage of organic farm-land in the EU and is being obstructed by the relatively of the recent acquittal of Dennis Chambers is a sound one (You'll never walk alone, small grants offered by the Government to farmers to thus not increasing funding. September 19). Whilst the law switch (Prince hits at farmconcerning physical abuse ing's 'unnatural methods',

Austria has the largest

amount of organic farmland in Europe at 12 per cent; Ger-

many and Denmark have 3

per cent and Britain a mere

In the UK, the high demand

for organic milk is causing

some organic milk to be imported from the Netherlands.

Whereas most organic food

markets have a national sup-ply and demand structure, up

to 70 per cent of all organic foods sold in the UK is im-

ported because of the short

age of domestic supplies.

September 20). offers some form of protection The reform of the European against women, albeit unsatisfactory in many areas, psy-Common Agricultural Policy chological abuse is still misin 1992 provided incentives understood by many and not taken seriously enough. The for farmers to convert to or- for foreign producers. ganic agriculture. This was directed at increasing exten-sive farming whilst lowering European food mountains. mere fact that Margaret Bent was forced to resort to a charge of GBH to attempt to secure justice underlines the Other EU members have all need for urgent reform. A law specifically aimed at detersupported organic agriculture as a form of extensification by ring stalkers and other men-tal abusers should be drafted granting financial aid and research for the conversion without delay.

Having endured five-and-ahalf years of physical and psy-chological abuse from a violent alcoholic. I am well aware of the lasting effects. The mental abuse left far deeper scars and was infinitely harder to endure than a battering. It is a slow-burning torture which preys on and controls the mind. I would often be relieved when I was hit as it meant that the men-

tal games would desist for a The majority of women in prison have suffered some form of abuse in their lives. The mental scars still show yet they are given little help to deal with their trauma. Perhaps if they had been taken seriously in the first place, they might not have ended up inside as their suffering pushed them into other forms of antisocial behaviour. Women are the victims of androcentric morality. If certain feminists cannot appreciate this, then they are unable to sympathise with alien

Unless the law is changed, the chain of abuse will continue to increase. A minority of men has also suffered from female stalkers and their rights must also be protected. Clare Barstow. H Wing, HM Prison Durham, Old Elvet.

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The principal factor preventing development of the organic food market in the UK is lack of government funding. Many retailers are interested in stocking organic foods but are dissuaded by low and irregular supplies. The major British supermarkets have introduced limited organic food ranges but have not capitalised on the growing environmental con-cerns by marketing the foods as other European retailers

have successfully done. The demand for these foods in Europe stems from raised environmental awareness. Customers are willing to pay extra for higher-quality and more nutritious foods and, in the case of organic meat, for

food-safety reasons. European consumers decide by purchasing power whether or not they support | acknowledge those not used.

bers — part, indeed, of the way "the future lies". Later, as I meandered up the River Tamar — one of the most

Matthew Norman

LANCING at Faces Of Labour, The Inside Story, by the Observ-er's Andy McSmith (out just er's Anny Mesmith (out just in time for next week's conference), my eye is caught by a tribute to the author on the back cover. "One of the most blased, ill-informed, malicious and unpleasant journalists in Wastington." nalists in Westminster," says Mandy Mandelson. Heaven knows, such violent feeling is out of character . . and so, wondering what could have caused it, we turn to the penultimate chapter, The Myth Of Mandy Mandel-son. In it, Mr McSmith, a forson. In it, Mr Mesmith, a for-mer Labour press officer, relates that Mandy sent pub-lishers an original outline for The Blair Revolution, his riveting book, which conained material so incendiary that he later removed it. Much concerns trade unions, coalition govern-ment and constitutional reform, but we begin today with savage criticism of John Smith (who losthed poor Mandy and flung him into the darkness) for his "obstinacy in sticking to an electorally doomed Shadow

HAT Elizabeth Smith would make of Mandy's harsh words is uncertain, but her tolerance for disrespect towards her husband's mem ory is running low. So furi-ous was Lady Smith about the U-turn on Scottish devolution - one of John Smith's passions — that only serious schmooding from both Donald Dewar and George Robertson stopped her going

Budget despite Neil Kin-

rally in Sheffield.

nock's better judgment". In an odd oversight, there is no rebuke at all for those who sanctioned the calamitous

T the Guardian-spon-sored Lib Dem Confer-ence debate yesterday, colleagues were approached by Jane Ash-down. "Oh, I just have to tell you that we can't have the Guardian at home any more," lamented Mrs Pants, "for fear of Paddy having a heart attack. He's thrown it across the kitchen a couple of times in a fit of rage, so we can't have it anywhere near the house."

HE reason for this, it seems, is a perceived lack of Lib Dem coverage, so let us build bridges today by concluding with news of the battle to succee Economist, although citing Ming Campbell as the likeli-est next Lib Dem leader, described Charles Kennedy as native" (and he is telegenic, that is, in comparison with the King of Tonga), the Campbell mob let it be known all over Brighton that the young Charles was taught by a certain Roddy Wright, former Bishop of Argyll and the Isles. "He was briefly my moral tutor," says Charles, of a time long before he appointed Cyril Smith as his fitness

Na classic Fleet Street skirmish, the Daily Mail and Daily Express have fought over Terry Major-Ball. "It's been very uncomfortable, because there are very nice people on both gave my word, and my word is my bond." And so Terry is sticking to a verbal agreement to write a column for the Mail at £250 a column, despite an Express counter-offer of £400. Since we last spoke, meanwhile, his daughter Fiona has been married, while Terry has faced a new domestic crisis. "It's the ironing board," he explains. "It's not got the width to take a full trouser, you see, but Shirley is resist ing my efforts to replace it." And why is this? "Sentimental value. It was our wedding present from Young John, you see. Mind you, it's a very done sterling service — we've had it re-covered several times — but I feel it's time for a change."

EANWHILE, in the fortnightly Shalom comes news of Terry's extended family — his mishbochim, to use the Yid-dish. Norma Major's father Norman Wagstaff was Jew-ish, it reports, and Norma had an Aunt Golda, an Uncle Solly and "a Grandma Bessie whose fried fish she remembers well". This is uncanny: the Diary bas a Grandma Bessle whose fried fish it remembers well, too. Would Norma by any chance be in-



The blind alley of a penal policy of populism

Commentary

David Windlesham

RIMINAL statistics are a notorious maze which politicians enter at their peril.
What at one moment seems to be a promising avenue lead-ing towards political advantage can soon turn out to be a blind alley. When the weather worsens it is hard to find an

Michael Howard is currently experiencing this tru-ism after the publication yesterday of figures showing a small increase (0.4 per cent) in recorded crime in England and Wales, and a far larger one of 10 per cent in offences of violence against the person. Worse still, within the violent-crime category the most serious and life-threatening offences rose by 15 per cent in the 12 months to the end of June. Ministers who deploy crim-

inal statistics to demonstrate the success of their policies have usually been quicker to point out the necessary qualifications when the figures go up than when they go down, as has been the general pattern over the last phree years. Home Office figures include only offences reported to and recorded by the police. They take no account of the large number of offences which for a variety of reasons are not recorded. Within the overall statistics, there will be in-creases for some categories of crime and decreases for others. Regular sample sur-veys are a better guide to the actual scale of offending expe-

reated with caution. Home Secretary will once again be addressing the Con-servative Party Conference. In the past he has relied on greater severity in sentencing as his main response to levels of offending which are well beyond the tolerance of the electorate. At Blackpool last year, with little or no prior consultation within or out-side government, Michael Howard announced proposals

rienced by victims, but there

again fluctuations need to be

lenders according to the circumstances of the crime -those offenders who were convicted for the second or third time of serious violent or sex offences, trafficking in Class

final session of this Parlia-ment. It will prescribe lengthy mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment, from

lent or sex offence. Yet in America, despite mandatory sentencing to terms of imprisonment of a length hitherto unknown in this country, and a prison population more than four

A drugs, or burglary of a dwelling.

A Bill is forecast for the times higher per capita than ours, violent crime is far more common. It is the prevalence of violence and the recourse to physical force and access to firearms that distin which judges may depart only guishes crime in America

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Yesterday's statement is if there are genuinely except from any other developed fortuitous, for shortly the tional circumstances. All nation state. though the model, and in

some places the actual language, has been borrowed from the United States, the policy of "three strikes and you're out", ie a life sentence after two previous convic-tions for serious felonies or drug offences, has been adapted to two strikes by requiring an automatic life sentence to be imposed on all offenders over the age of 18 who are convicted for the to remove from the judges the who are convicted for the

As anyone with first-hand experience of the criminal-justice system knows, a high proportion of crimes of violence are committed on linearity of the committed on the committed pulse, often under the influ ence of drugs or alcohol. This does not make them any more

calculating criminal who plans his crime carefully in advance, weighing up the po-tential risks and benefits. may sometimes be deterred, but such offenders are in a minority. As yesterday's fig-ures show, offences of vio-lence can and do increase, ir-

respective of what Parliament may lay down as penalties.
What does reduce the rates of offending is prevention. The fact that reported offences of burglary have decreased is a welcome indica-tion of better security devices in the home and enhanced effectiveness of policing and

The importance of prerelease programmes and supervision after release from prison was brought out by the recent Probation Service study of re-offending by those who were prematurely released after misunderstand-ings about how the length of their sentences should be

The rise in the number of recorded crimes of violence should be seen as more than a temporary political embar-rassment by ministers and their supporters in Parliament who will soon be deciding whether to sanction the most profound changes in sentencing policy in modern times. It is a warning sign that policies rooted in popu-lar appeal may not achieve the intended effect of reducing the appalling consequences of violent crime.

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The children we are sending to prison



Isabel Hilton

HE party of freedom and choice continues to pur-sue its passion for standardisation and testing in education: in the past few weeks the Secretary of State for Edu-cation, Gillian Shephard, has announced two new projects the testing of five-year-olds on entry to school and the homogenisation of teachertraining courses.

There is an argument for both, if intelligently applied, but on the evidence so far each is likely to work to the disadvantage of Britain's biggest educational minority — dyslexic children. About 10 per cent of children suffer some degree of dyslexia, 2 per cent severely. These are not stupid children, though are often misperceived as such.

Dyslexia is inconvenient to chools; those who suffer from it require special rules and extra attention. They are not always easy to recognise and by the time their problems are picked up they have often be-come truculent or withdrawn. But this is not a choice be tween giving money to a privi-leged minority or concentrating funds on the more responsive majority. Ignored dyslexia costs individuals their main chance in life, and the social and financial costs of that are a charge we all pay, sooner or later. The financial cost of attending to dyslexia is a fraction of the true cost of neglecting it.

Dyslexia is no respecter of

race or class. The only differ-ence between the middle-class and the deprived dyslexic child is that one is more likely to receive help and the other, as research is beginning to show, is likely to end up in jail. One US study reports that 52 per cent of a sample of recent prisoners was found to be dyslexic, and recent work at one inner-London drug and cohol rehabilitation centre found 91 per cent of dyslexics among the residents. Many British experts find these fig-ures suspiciously high — but would welcome further search, since none contests that dyslexics are heavily over-represented in British.

Dyslexia is not a moral failing. Its sufferers carry no criminal gene. Their difficulty is that the rest of the world operates with a set of codes that they find hard to perceive and understand. Since so much depends on these codes and their arrangements reading, writing, arithmetic

— severe dyslexics risk being
perpetually barred from learning. When the class begins to child a chance?

read, the dyslexic child just doesn't get it. If the teacher has not been trained to recog-nise the condition, the child may be perreived as lazy, uncooperative or stupid — at best a late developer. Training in recognition of dyslexia has not been part of traditional teacher training. The child grows miserable and frus-trated. He may disguise his bewilderment for a time by counterfeiting reading. He will look at the pictures and guess at the words. He will memorise the text as others read aloud and try to repro-duce it — anything to avoid the conclusion that he is as stupid as his teacher seems to think. By the time he is eight or nine, he may be thought slow. He has lost confidence and withdraws from an experience of education that has

brought only frustration.

If he never learns to read properly, there is no way forward. It's hardly surprising that a proportion of such children grow up anti-social.
This could all be avoided.
Dyslexia cannot be "cured" but the consequences can be minimised. Children can be taught to read and write, the catastrophic collapse of selfesteem can be avoided, and they can be taught how to cope. Dyslexia is now officially recognised and there is a statutory obligation on schools to provide for it, but training and testing are under-resourced and the system is sluggish, and only provides for the most severe cases. The charities founded by middle-class campaigners—the British Dyslexia Association and the Dyslexia Institute — develop tests and teaching methods, but com-plain that the pressures of the national curriculum mean that there is no space in the timetable to withdraw children from class for the extra

help they need.
And as schools in both the public and private sectors are drawn into a philosophy of competition, league tables and "efficient use of resources", they begin to screen out these children who are beavy on resources and unlikely to produce high exam performance.

F MRS SHEPHARD'S tests

for five-year-olds are to be a constructive exercise. and not just another stick with which to best schools, perhaps she would care to consider a proposal from the Dyslexia Association: that her tests be teamed with an assessment for dyslexia. The association has developed screening programmes that can predict which children are likely to be dyslexic. Let Mrs Shephard incorporate those in her tests and then devote to those children the resources they need. They will repay the attention, beca without literacy they may never hold down jobs. It costs £25,000 to keep a

man in prison for a year. Why not spend some of it giving the



You can swear by it

We may well be offended, but increasing exposure means that one of our strongest swear words is losing its bite. But we need taboos, argues John Ayto

BBC in the late 1960s, spines stiffened on threepiece suites the length and breadth of the country. It was as if the Archbishop of Can-terbury had dropped his drawers during the Corona-tion. But last week, when Jane Horrocks said "fuck-ing" on a take-off of a chil-dren's television programme, it scarcely raised a molehill obscenity

on the obscenity seismograph.
Tomorrow the theatrical world will further erode the word's ability to shock. A new play by Mark Ravenhill will open at the Royal Court in London; its most notable aspect, upon which publicists have been quick to capitalise, is its title. Showing And have been quick to capitalise, is its title: Shopping And Fucking. The expression dates back to the early eighties, when it was applied—usually abbreviated to "S'n' F"—to a type of pulpfiction featuring rich, glamorous, high-spending, highly executives.

Are the billboards of Britain ready for the f-word? In Bracknell, Newbury and Warwick they take a firm

The term's stereotypical was and the express, has line on such matters. There, in the past was as a the play will be advertised simply as Shopping And. In most other venues, the print- orders. Its emergence on to a most other venues, the print- orders. Its emergence on to a main and the express, has used the word only once in the past was as a used the word only once in proved of by people only nominally religious. Now, few dent, perhaps seeking to identify a more sophisticated auteror and the express, has used the word only once in the past was as a used the word only once in the past was as a supply as Shopping And. In the speech of the lower dent, perhaps seeking to identify a more sophisticated auteror and the express, has used the word only once in the past was as a supply as Shopping And. In the speech of the lower dent, perhaps seeking to identify a more sophisticated auteror and the express, has used the word only once in the past was as a supply as Shopping And. In the speech of the lower dent, perhaps seeking to identify a more sophisticated auteror and the express, has used the word only once in the past was as a supply as Shopping And. In the speech of the lower dent, perhaps seeking to identify a more sophisticated auteror and the express, has used the word only once in the past was as a supply disaptive and the express and the express and the express and the express are the word only once in the past was a supply disaptive and the express and the word only once in the past was a supply disaptive and the express and t

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Tynan said has been applied, and the title
"fuck" on the comes out as Shopping And comes out as Shopping And self has opted, Freudianly, for

Shopping and Fiftin'.

How will the press handle
the issue? Mr Punch has
dented his carefully fostered. new image as a bit of a naughty old fellow by shielding his readers' eyes from the offending word. He gives it the full seven-asterisk treatment: Shopping and ********.

The author of the article in the most salacious details of

So where do we stand with fuck nowadays? Where can

going to happen to it in the future?

understanding that it is in the hands of those sophisti-cated enough to cope with it. The word appeared in art films long before it made it into the commercial cinema (in 1993, the Guardian (in 1993, the Guardian reported that "whenever Jeff Bridges said 'fuck' it was changed to 'frig', a standard euphemism used by Holly-wood studios when they prepare a film for broadcast on television"). It is common coinage in Booker prize-wing nowels conspicuously

itself has opted, Freudianly, for Shopping and F£££in'

fuck nowadays? Where can you say it, and write it, and where can't you? And what is sensing that it would not take

which it appears is said to be incensed at the covering up of a word deemed worthy of inclusion in the Oxford English dictionary.

So where do we stand with the honordeheat there is said to be people's private lives come to over all coy when it comes to factious camouflage for the politically unacceptable: when Michael White used it is yesterday's Guardian, he within the honordeheat there

within the broadsheets there

readers scurrying back to the world war, the expletive Mail and the Express, has Christ! was widely disap-

wider stage (signposted by its dience but yet with a mea-first appearance in a general sure of gravitas to preserve, English dictionary, the Pen-has mentioned it in 82 dissociation from their origifirst appearance in a general English dictionary, the Penguin English Dictionary, in the early 1960s) has been sanctioned, it seems, on the sanctioned, it seems, on the total in the fluardian has been happy to let it all hang out, with no fluar than 200 firsts. articles over that period But nal meanings is breaking the Guardian has been happy down the taboo on them.

to let it all hang out, with ho fewer than 209 fucks.
Clearly, if you view your audience as centre-to-left intelligentsia, you reckon they can take it. Indeed, you may think they jolly well ought to take it: in an article for the Guardian Weekly in January. 1995, the author Jean Aitchi-1995, the author Jean Aitchi-son, Rupert Murdoch Professor of Language and Commu-nication at Oxford, specifically wrote "f***". She requested that she he consulted about any changes, and so was surprised on seeann so was surp seed on seeing the paper to find one amendment the copy editor had changed "f**" to "fuck". It seems that the only use the

was referring to fascism.

For centuries the sacred

was sacred, and it gave us the

sensing that it would not take profane to use as profanities much to send some of its Until well after the second

is surely only a matter of time. The writing is on the wall. But then what shall we do? We need taboo words, as Guardian has for the f-word escape valves for our anger. Are the billboards of Britain ready for the f-word? In Newbury They are essential to our psy-chological well-being. the play will be advertised as Shopping And. In most venues, Now that religion, sex and the title comes out as Shopping And F***ing. The Royal Court

excrement have become worked out, are there other forbidden seams we can exploit? The prospects do not look promising. The most powerful linguistic taboos at the end of the 20th century are those against terms of racial abuse, and for words relating to various disabilities, physical and mental. Not exactly the sort of thing that springs to your mind when you hit your thumb with the proverbial hammer. Perhaps we will just have to count to 10, after all.

Shit is casually spat out by people who 30 years ago might well have found them-

selves physically incapable of

saying it in public. Fuck has further to go than shit, but it

is going in the same direc-

tion. As Jean Aitchison said in this year's Reith Lectures: "F-words (sexual swearing)

and s-words (excrement

swearing) no longer horrify so many people. Their mean-ing has weakened as the orig-

inal connection with sex and excrement fades."

In 1996 we may still not be ready for *fuck* on permanent public written display, but it

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In the name of the father

who has been murdered in Karachi, aged and embittered man. He had much cause for bitterness. His life was transformed when the military dictator General Zia ul-Haq hanged his father. Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, in April 1979. At the time, Murtaza and his boother Shahnawaz were in brother, Shahnawaz, were in London. Speaking at a public meeting in Hyde Park, he pledged to revenge his father's death. Soon after-wards, he disappeared from

It later emerged that he had decided to set up an armed-struggle organisation, al-Zulfigar (the Sword), which, through well-publicised and selective acts of terror, would bring down the Zia dictator-ship. Murtaza flitted easily from Tripoli to Damaseus and finally set up his base of operations in Kabul, which had reasons of its own for destabilising General Zia.

The hijacking of a Pakistan International Airlines plane in 1981 was al-Zulfigar's most dramatic act and it resulted in the release of several dozen political prisoners. However, it also enabled Zia to temporarily crush the Movement for Restoration of Democracy in Pakistan, an umbrella organisation under the leadership of Murtaza's sister Benazir, who, together with her mother, Nusrat, had remained in Pakistan and courageously fought the dic-

only a mass movement would



Murtaza Bhutto was impatient. The quickest way to remove General Zia, he thought, was to bump him off

shift Zia. Murtaza was impatient. He thought the quickes way to remove the general was to bump him off. Al-Zulfigar did on one occasion fire a Stinger missile at Zia's plane as it took off from Islamabad airport and came close to scoring a hit. But the failure proved costly and led to further repression in Pakistan.

The true story of al-Zulfigar and Murtaza Bhutto has yet to be told and there are rumours circulating that a remarkable insider's account of the organisation and its leader has been written by Raja Anwar. If this is the case we have a treat in store. Anfurt, was one of the most as tute strategists close to Bhutto. His refusal to accept the divine right of Murtaza to succeed his father led to a death sentence being passed on him by Bhutto fils. Anwar was saved by the Afghans; will he now tell the tale?

After Zia's assassination and the restoration of democracy. Benazir Bhutto came to power. Murtaza, still in exile, felt cheated. In the patriar-chal milieu of Sindhi landlordism, the son is the heir. He returned to face trial for the hijacking and was, surprisingly, acquitted. His brother. Shahnawaz, had been poisoned in 1985 in strange circumstances in the south of France.

Murtaza was now the sole male descendant of Zulfigar Ali Bhutto. He moved into the family homes in Karachi and Larkana. He had hoped that his mother might be able to get him a senior governmental position. It was said at the time that he wanted to be chief minister of Sind. His sister, sensibly, refused.

betraying their father's legacy and formed a rival faction. which consisted largely of old cronies and new hangers-on. The only function of the new organisation was to harass his sister and his brother-in-law, Asif Zardari, whom he hated and denounced as "a looter and swindler" of the national

Last week, as he was returning home from a politi-



cal meeting, the police had established a checkpoint a few him if he had been brought to wept without restraint. Tears are forces in Pakistan that hundred metres from 70 Clifton, the Bhutto family resi dence. They ordered him to stop. He did. They ordered him and his colleagues to get out of the car. As they did, the police opened fire. Six bullets perforated Murtaza's body He fell on to the dusty road bleeding from the wounds There was a hospital two minutes away, but the police did not take him there. When

them immediately. Murtaza Bhutto died with cracked lips. Karachi's trigger-happy cops have become experts in manufacturing orphans, but this was no ordinary killing. It had the hallmarks of a premeditated

murder.

When the prime minister was told she went into a delirium. At the hospital, she of grief at the loss of her brother. Tears at the loss of ner other brother and her father. Tears of shame that she was the prime minister of the country. It was a scene from a Greek tragedy. Who killed Murtaza

Bhutto? It is difficult to believe that the policemen who fired the shots did so spontaneously. If one of the country's intelligence agencies broke down. "When will they was involved, which one was cercise of power as an end in stop killing us?" she asked it and who gave the order? It itself is worth the risk.

would like nothing better Rhutto clan A few years ago, a coup at-

tempt by religious zealots inside the army was uncovered and the plotters arrested Their secret documents revealed that they were planning to kill Benazir, her hus-band and her three children. The question she must now ask herself is whether the ex-

Murtaza was married twice. His second wife, Ghinwa, Lebanese born and of Syrian origin, is now a possible contender to take over the leadership of his Pakistan People's Party. They have a 14-year-old daughter, Fatima, and a five-year-old son, Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Jur,

Murtaza Bhutto, politician, born September 18, 1954; died

Prof Struther Arnott, prin-

Anne Kristen

Player for Scotland

NNE Kristen, who has died from cancer aged 59, was an actress familiar to television viewers for more than 20 years, principally in roles of strong character and often in dramas from her native Scotland. She was widely recognised as the crusty receptionist, Norma Sullivan, in BBC1's Casualty, a moving funeral service trib-but her career stretched back ute: "She dealt in the essence

to her Glasgow schooldays. Her father, Reginald Biles, was literary editor, and later deputy editor, of the Glasgow Herald and she grew up in an environment where books

were important. She went on to the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow and as a medallist there, where she studied under Colin Chandler, she earned the right to become a member of the Glasgow Citizens' Theatre Company. She developed and expanded her repertoire through such plays as Arnold Wesker's Roots and Brecht's The Good Woman of Sechuan

as well as playing Lady Mac-

After the Citizens', she ap-peared in many theatres throughout the country, including the National, where she took a leading part in Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*. But her personal life rein-forced her Scottish roots and. in the 1980s, she developed a particularly strong affinity with the fledgling Scottish Theatre Company.

She appeared in virtually all the best-known Scottish drama productions of recent years, from Dr Finlay's Casebook to Sunset Song and from Hamish MacBeth to The Silent Scream. But there was never anything hackneyed about her performances and they were often memorable for the sheer power of characterisation. As Tom Fleming said in of our elusive art form - humanity. She strove simply for the understanding of one

human being by another". Anne Kristen met and married the actor Iain Cuthbert son while she was at the Citizens' but they were later divorced. She had lived latterly at Ancrum in the Borders and her final television appearance, in BBC's Screen One drama series, was shown this month.

1996

Anne Kristen, actress, born

Letters

Jeannette Manjenguca writes from Harare, Žimbabwe: Douglas Hyde (obituary. September 21) had a burning vision of a better world and his life was a struggle for justice for people throughout the world. His struggle was fuelled with tremendous love for humanity. I, like so many others from different parts of the world and of various generations, had the privilege of being inspired and encouraged by Douglas. His belief in the necessity of addressing po-litical systems and eradicating root causes of injustice and poverty -- rather than patching things up with isolated good deeds - together with his scrupulous integrity and adherence to the truth, in-

meaning and direction. His extraordinary energy despite his physical infirmities of later years, his commitment to people and to justice, his incredible range of knowledge and involvement and his clarity in understanding complex situations, as well as his infectious humour and joy in life, will be sadly missed by all those whose lives be touched. The flame that he kindled in so many hearts burns brightly and his spirit lives on. Aluta

James Ross Moore writes: When American singing dancer Louise Browne (obituary September 6) came to Britain in 1927 to play Kitty Brown in partially preceded her. Public-ity accorded her a world's record "for pirouette dancing, of over 80 consecutive spins". Al-though after retirement she vice to classical ballet. Browne's most memorable stage came in the musical JUL Darling (1934). She and (Sir) John Mills performed Vivian Ellis's and Desmond Carter's I'm on a See-Saw - probably Ellis's best-loved song. Their duet, preserved on record.

remains a joy.

duce wildly inaccurate

Paul Draper

they finally relented it was

too late. The doctors insisted

Dancing through the dark

MET Paul Draper, the tap-dancer who has died aged 86, in 1933 when we were asked to work together at the new Radio City Music Hall in New York. From then on I told everyone about him; he did the same about me and we kept each other working.

In 1939, I returned to the United States from England. and Draper got me a job with him at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. During that engagement we conceived the idea of trying a joint recital in Santa Barbara. The MCA agent who saw it told us to spired me 20 years ago, chang-ing my life, giving it new take a tap-dancer and a mouth-organist for a full evening In fact, Columbia Artists picked us up and, within two years, we were the highest-paid concert attraction on

the circuit. Paul Draper tap-balleted to Brahms, Handel and Paradies; played Bach, Albeniz, Debussy and Gershwin. We joined only at the end of each half. For the second half, we asked the audience to call out song titles; I played them and Draper ad-libbed a dance to what I played. His dancing was unique, completely original. It was his own art form and has

never been duplicated. We worked together for 12 years and I cannot remember that we ever quarrelled partnership. We also thought alike politically, which was to get us into deep trouble. We supported Henry Wallace's try for the US presidency in 1948. So did the Communist Party and we knew that, but it didn't bother us.

It bothered us more when we were each blacklisted for our political opinions and beliefs. Neither of us were called before either the House Committee on Un-American Activities or Senator McCar-thy's Internal Security Committee (they only ever called



Music at Midnight) was you if they had your Communist Party card.) We found, party sympathiser though however, that signed connever, so far as I know, a tracts were being cancelled. member. His defence of his A lady in Greenwich, Conmother during our libel trial necticut, called Hester McCulwas very moving. Later, each lough, wrote to the papers that we shouldn't, as proof us were offered "deals" if names, and so on. We were Communists, be allowed to never tempted.
Roy Cohn, McCarthy's asperform our scheduled concert in Greenwich. We sued for libel, the case ended in a sistant, even suggested namhung jury. The jury foreman ing dead performers or, in my

case, reading off a list of people named by others the case should never have thus, as Cohn explained, no-body would be hurt. No deal. Last year, Paul was in-volved in a car accident that come to court. Also, that the evidence changed no juror's mind. It began as eight to four against us and it ended the same way. Paul had an additional left him seriously injured. I last spoke to him a few handicap in that his mother (author of a delightful book,

tap: 'His style was unique, original: it was his own art form and it has never duplicated'

smoker) was such that he hadn't the energy to make the trip to town. I intended to visit him at home in Woodstock, New York, but didn't, to my great regret, get to Paul Draper was a food and wine connoisseur and took a devilish delight in sending things back. Once, we dined

Village Vanguard. He ex-plained that his emphysema (he was always a heavy

at Voisin's in New York and I said, "Paul, just for this evening, don't send anything back." He agreed but later complained about the burden I had put on him saying it had strained our friendship. When the Hearst papers took up Mrs McCullough's charges, Columbia Artists

dropped us at once and one of

their branches, Community

Concerts, sent out a letter that they had had no idea of the subversive ideas of Draper & Adler. The president of Community, Ward French, added that he had voted Republican all his life. I got Paul the lead in a Paramount picture, Holiday Inn. assuring the director, Mark Sandrich, that although Paul had a noticeable stammer, it never affected him when reading lines. Unfortunately for Paul, Irving Berlin attended a

mer and insisted he be fired. He was, too. His part was we would recant, name played by Fred Astaire. I have had offers from other lancers to team up with them but, when you've worked with the nonpareil, anyone else seems like second best. There was only one Paul Draper. I have never yet seen his equal. He was, besides being my concert partner, my best friend.

rehearsal, heard Paul's stam-

Larry Adler

months ago when I phoned to invite him to my show at the died September 20, 1996 Paul Draper, dancer, born 1909;

Birthdays

the only male heir.

cipal and vice-chancellor, St Andrew's University, 62; Norman Ayrton, theatre and opera director, 72; Ronnie Barker, comedian, 67; Jane Bradford, founder member. Women in Banking. 50; Sir Leon Brittan QC, EU commissioner for external trade. 57; Sir Colin Davis, conductor, 69; Martin Dermott, rugby league player. 29; Michael Douglas, actor, 52; Andrew Gardner, newscaster, 64; Mike Gibbs, jazz composer, 59; John Hills, racehorse trainer, 38; Sir David Hunt, former diplomat and Mastermind champion of champions (1982), 83: Catherine Zeta Jones, actress, 27; Gen Sir Edward Jones, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, former Commandant, Royal Green Jackets, 60; Felicity Kendal, actress, 50; Prof Sir William Mitchell, physi-cist, 71; Christopher Reeve. actor, 44; Tim Severin, explorer and author, 56; Michael Stephen, Conservative MP, 54; Vivien Stern, director, Nacro, 55; Commandant Daphne Swallow. former director, WRNS, 64; John Taylor, jazz pianist, composer, 54; Rowena Vining, diplomat, 75; Barbara Walters, television journalist, 65; Nicholas Wood, former president, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 48.

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Anne Kristen's In Time of Strife

Homo barbie

PALEOANTHROPY Division, Smithsonian Institute Dear Sir: Thank you for your latest submission to the institute, labelled "211-D, layer seven, next to the clothes-line post. Hominid skull." We have given this specimen a careful and detailed examination, and regret to inform you that we disagree with your theory that it represent "conclusive proof of the pres ence of Early Man in Charles-ton County two million years

Rather, it appears that what you have found is the head of a Barbie doll, of the variety one of our staff, who

has small children, believes are loathe to contradict with your findings. However, we do feel that there are a num-ber of physical attributes of the specimen which might have tipped you off to its mod-

DOUGLAS JEFFERY

l. The material is molded plastic. Ancient hominid remains are typically fossilzed bone.

2. The cranial capacity of the specimen is approximately nine cubic centimeters, well below the threshold of even the earliest identified proto-hominids.

3. The dentition pattern evident on the "skull" is more consistent with the common domesticated dog than it is with the 'ravenous man-eating Pliocene clams" you spec ulate roamed the wetlands during that time. Without go us say that: a) the specimen looks like the head of a Bar-bie doll that a dog has chewed To the best of our knowledge, no Barbie dolls were pro-duced prior to 1956AD, and

carbon dating is likely to pro-

results. Sadly, we must also deny your request that we ap-proach the National Science Foundation's Phylogeny Department with the concept of signing your specimen the scientific name Australopithe cus spiff-arino. Speaking personally, I, for one, fought tenaclously for the acceptance of your proposed taxonomy, but was ultimately voted down be-cause the species name you

might be Latin. However, we gladly accept your generous donation of this fascinating specimen to the that our director has reserve a special shelf in his own office for the display of the speci-

selected was hyphenated, and didn't really sound like it

mens you have previously submitted to the institution. When you visit we are particularly interested in hearing you expand on your theories surrounding the "trans-positating fillifitation of ferrous ions in a structural matrix" that makes the excellent juvenile Tyrannosaurus Rex fe-mur you recently discovered take on the deceptive appearance of a rusty 9mm Sears Craftsman automotive crescent wrench.

Yours in Science, Harvey Rowe, Curator, Antiquities. Apparantly an original letter sent out from the Smythsoniar Institute and later posted on the internet at www.mnsinc .com/oalami/LaughPage jokes!j-tru-08.html Thanks to

Modern lingo

STINGFO - Any utterly useless piece of information about a celebrity (after Sting's new MIDIOT - A fool who thinks he can make better and better

music with bigger and bigger toys. GIMMING — Getting far too involved with unimportant or technical details of something to the detriment of actually getting anything done. 'I spent the whole morning gimming about the colour of my

new homepage . . ."
SHLIPPING — Putting product releases back a few months in order to finish them (Stressed developer to marketing manager: "We will

definitely shlip the product in three months. ZEN MAIL - Email messages that arrive with no text in the message body.
SEAGULL MANAGERS — A manager who flies in, makes a lot of noise, shits all over everything, then leaves. Wired magazine's jargon

wrote me a letter saying that

Animal cracker

watch in the October issue.

OUR SENTIMENTALITY towards animals is a sure sign of the disdain in which we hold them. It is proportional to this disdain. It is in proportion to being relegated to irresponsility, to the inhuman, that the animal become worthy of the human ritual of affection and protection, just as the child does in direct proportion to being relegated to a status of innocence and childishness. Sentimentality is nothing but the infinitely degraded form of bestiality. the racist commiseration, in which we ridiculously cloak animals to the point of rendering them sentimental themselves. The trajectory

animals have followed, from

divine sacrifice to dog cemetries with atmospher music, from sacred defiance to ecological sentimentality. speaks loudly enough of the vulgarisation of the status of man himself — it once again describes an unexpected reciprocity between the two.

Those who used to sacrific animals did not take them for beasts. And even the Middle Ages, which condemned and punished them in due form,



Citizen K . . . pet project

was, in this way, much closer to them than we are, we who are filled with horror at this practice. They held them to be guilty; which was a way of honouring them. We take them for nothing, and it is on this basis that we are 'human" with them. We no

longer sacrifice them, we no longer punish them, and we are proud of it, but it is simply that we have domesticated them. Worse, we have made of them a racially inferior world, no longer even worthy of our justice, but only of our affection and social charity. no longer worthy of punishment and death, but only of experimentation and exter-mination like meat from the

Next time you buy your pet a new fluffy monogrammed coat, remember that, according to remember inal, according to the French philospher Jean Baudrilliard, you are vulgar-ising the human race. From Citizen K, arthouse animal

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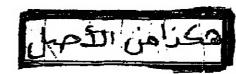
ganic lemon, pineapple, or watermelon, sells for about \$1 a minute. We get a lot of people in their twenties," says Lissa Charron, a co-owner. "People who weren't raised with beer or smoking and who want a healthier social scene, colleg students . . . there's no legal

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Air traffic control 'for sale'

IE Government is drawing up contro-versial plans to rush through the privatisation of Britain's air traffic control service ahead of the general election because of increasing problems in modernising the system through its troubled Private Finance Inititiative, it was claimed by unions and construction firms last night.

The sale of the National Air

Traffic Services was abandoned by the Government

House of Commons transport select committee.

But the Treasury and the Department of Transport are now said to be urgently dusting off the plans and looking at ways to either sell off the air traffic control service or offer it on franchise in a move which could raise between £600 million and £1 billion for Treasury coffers ahead of the

Some sources are even suggesting a sell-off could be pushed through without new legislation.

Moves to revive privatisation follow worries that the Government is about to abannearly two years ago amid a dom plans to build a moder deluge of protests from air lines, the industry and the Prestwick in west Scotland. don plans to build a modern air traffic control centre at ally been controlled by two centres but they are in des-perate need of modernisation. However, a review is under-way to decide whether the UK

could manage with just one.

A first new centre, at Swan-wick in Hampshire, is nearing completion at a cost of £230 million but has been dog-ged by delays and technical

It will replace the current southern centre near Heath-row airport at West Drayton, north-west London. Following soundings in Whitehall and with the Civil Aviation Authority, which runs the air traffic service, construction companies and unions believe the Govern-

money for Prestwick on the capital markets should the centre still be seen as neces

tal on the issue last night but made it clear that privatisation remained an option. "Pri vatisation has always been a long-term aim of the Govern-ment, but there are no immediate plans for a sale," spokesman said.

comment on the Prestwick project until National Air Traffic Services had completed a review of the CAA's But contractors bidding for

ment is set to revert to priva-tisation so that the service, once sold off, could raise money for Prestwick on the implications and with the loss

controllers. In a recent letter to Brian Donohne, Labour MP for Cunninghame South, the project director with AyrTec, a joint venture between Hughes UK and John Laing bidding for the Scottish centre, warned that the decision to abandon the two centre strategy was driven by "wider agendas"

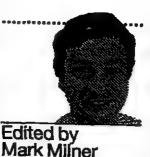
"The main reason why two centres are necessary is safety," Ron Stafford, project director for AyrTec says in the letter. Should one fail the cope.
"Successive governments

have concluded that the risk is too great to contemplate."

IPMS, the union which rep resents 3,100 air traffic controllers, has written to the Transport Secretary, Sir George Young, urging him to avoid a "quick political fix" over the issue and abandon any notion of reviving privatisation.

Joe Magee, IPMS national officer, said: "Our opposition to privatisation is not based on ideology but real concern over a safe, viable air traffic

Old Labour hides under umbrella



EW Labour may com-mand centre stage these days but Old Labour lives on in the strangest nooks and crannies of policymaking. One of them contains its ideas for financial regulaits ideas for financial regula-tion. Here, intact, is the par-ty's traditional faith in the ef-ficacy of huge, all-purpose, all-powerful state agencies with budgets to match. Yes-terday, its economic spokes-man Mike O'Brien told a con-ference in London that ference in London that Labour was toying with merg-ing the Serious Fraud Office with the Securities and Investments Board; the SFO

would come under SIB's "um-brella" as its "prosecuting arm". Now umbrellas can have many uses. Furled, for example, they can be useful instru-ments with which to prod fraudsters (or bash them over the head). The O'Brien brolly, however, would be more likely to resemble one of those capacious models found in pub gardens, under which

would shelter for long Proces the marged SIB-SFO proved ineffective, Labour would doubtless urge further amalgamations, with the Fraud Squad, Crown prosecu-tors and DTI inspectors

randing umbrells.

The O'Brien plan would also prove a legal nightmare.
The STB is a private company; the SFO is an investigator/ polices the Financial Services Act; the SFO investigates breaches of the law in

Should Labour wish to try some genuine new thinking there is a radical option available: take serious fraud cases out of the hands of accountants, regulators and lawyers and return them to where they belong — the police.

High stakes

BUDGET season is upon us, not just in Britain but in much of the European Union. The stakes are high. Success in meeting the budget targets now being set will determine which countries will be eligible for monetary union in 1999. Unsurprisingly ministers

are, to borrow a phrase, already talking a good game. France's finance minister, Jean Artuis, has as tough a task as any. He is trying to present last week's package as both sustere enough to keep France on line for the Maastrict criteria while at the same time denying, as he did to his common to the same time denying, as he did to his own party's MPs club fallen to a man soccar loyalties lie w way growth inhibiting Italy's premier, Romano Grade is Charlton fan.

Prodi, who will unveil his government's budget plans on government's budget plans on Friday, is making confident noises that the proposals, to which finance minister Carlo Clampi is putting the final touches, will "take Italy into Europe". Nor is he going for a soft sell. Italy will face economic ruin if it fails to make the first wave of countries signing up for the single pure

rency, according to Mr Prodi In the UK the language of economic apocalypse is usu-ally the preserve of those who oppose British participation in monetary union. Current target of their fury is the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke. Mr Clarke may, or may not, be playing to his own rules but his Budget plans will have to conform to those of the cabinet. In other words his Budget will have to keep Britain on course to meet the Maastricht criteria if for no more than to preserve the British option of being able to reject the whole idea.

signing up for the single cur-

As he draws up his package Mr Clarke may draw some amusement from the knowledge that while many (but not all) of his critics are drawn from the right of his party, Mr Prodi's opposition is the hard left Communist Refoundation. John Redwood and the CR's Fausto Bertinotti, now there is a coalition to

United stand

RADITIONALLY SOCCE club owners have been cast as hard-headed businessmen whose acumen went out of the window the day they bought control. In good times they are meant to sport a big cigar and a beaming smile, in bad times to endure, with either stoicism or acer-bity, the hostility of the fans. Two factors have under-

mined that image. Television has shown itself prepared to pump large sums of money into the game as satellite and cable broadcasters, not just in the UK, but also in Germany, Holland, Italy and Spain, have come to believe that soccer is a powerful weapon in the battle for market share. At the same time, in the UK, a number of clubs have seen the advantages of turning to the stock market.

This trend, from private flefdom to public corporation, reached a milestone recently when video and publishing company VCI (headed by Channel 4 chief executive Michael Grade) set its takeover sights on Manchester United, doyen of soccer stocks. Ironically the move was thwarted when the pros-pect of a lucrative TV deal sent United's share price

soaring out of VCI's reach.

The trend is unlikely to get out of control. The number of UK soccar clubs with the capacity to even approach the commercial potential of Man-cester United is limited. Rough diamonds will always heavily outnumber City types. But it would have been an interesting test of stakeholder democracy — as evinced by the fans' reaction — had con-trol of Britain's most famous club fallen to a man whose soccer loyalties lie with an-

Clarke fillip as figures look bright

Tories welcome surprise £0.5bn surplus on latest balance of payments

Serah Ryle

HANCELLOR Ren. at the start of the year. neth Clarke yesterday gained a fillip both for himself and the Government in the Tory civil war over Europe as latest figures showed the current figures the control of the current figures the control of the current figures tha est figures showed the current account firmly in the black and the economy more buoyant than the authorities had outlinated.

The Government welcomed the surprise 20.5 billion surplus on the balance of payments in the second quarter, and latest estimates of GDP growth brought the Chancel-lor a step closer to this year's 2.5 per cent target.

But the unexpectedly good figures meant that the Chancellor's resistance to raising base rates from 5.75 per cent was under renewed pressure. City analysts warned.

Both Mr Clarke and Eddie George, governor of the Bank of England, would have known about the current account and GDP performances before their monthly monetary meeting on Monday, but the Chancellor appeared to have resisted Bank demands for a restraining rise in base

rates vet again. UBS economist Alex Gar-rard said: "With only subdued inflation left in Mr Clarke's stock of feasible excuses, further rate cuts are almost certainly off the agenda

for the time being."
The Government, however, immediately seized upon the of payments in the three months to June as evidence of

significant recovery.

Ian Lang, president of the Board of Trade, said: "The largest surplus for nine years in the United Kingdom's current account is real proof of Britain's business success. "irresponsible" tax cuts in This nine-year high is a much his November Budget.

better picture than the mar-ket expected and one of which we can justifiably be proud." Labour, however, criticised the weakness in the trade in goods component of the cur-rent account. Most of the headline surplus was due to a record surplus of services and investment, while the manufacturing element was almost

as deeply in the red as it was The one-off Euro 96 football championship was a significant boost to services income, as thousands of overseas visitors added between £100 million and £200 million to the export side of the balance sheet, a rise of 8 per cent compared to the first three

months of the year. The strong performance by

resistance to raising base rates from 5.75 per cent under more pressure

trade in services and invest ment income is fresh evidence that Britain's non-manufacturing "invisibles" sector is the motor which is driving

This was further confirmed by the most recent figures for GDP growth in the second quarter of the year. Most of the expansion in the economy, now put at 0.5 per cent against a previously estimated 0.4 per cent, was due to

consumer spending.
Officials warned that most of the strong investment income surplus was due to spending on American aircraft.

 Business leaders yesterday called for government spend-ing to be slashed by £7 billion to help bring the public fi-nances out of the red and urged the Chancellor to avoid



Mark Tran in How York

last night boosted President Bill Clinton and bucked pressure from the bulk of its own regional governors to restrain the American economy when it refused to raise interest

After one of the most closely watched Open Market Committee meetings in years, America's central bank decided to leave the key federal funds rate, the overnight rate for inter-

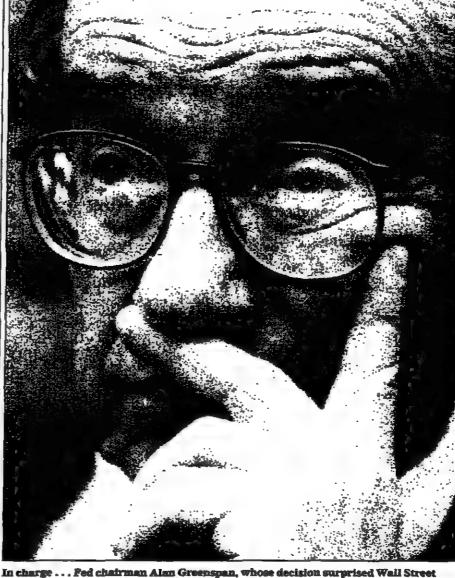
The Fed's decision was greeted by cheers on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange and the Dow im-mediately surged about 30 points, sending shares well into record territory. But it later fell back substantially on fears that rates would rise after the presidential elections in November.

The decision came as mild surprise to Wall Street, which had been expecting a quarter-point rise amid growing signs of wage pressure. One economist said chairman Alan Greenspan and his board must have convinced regional hawks that such pressures would ahate in the coming

"If they're right, finan-cial markets will rejoice. But if they're wrong, we will all be losers when they have to bring the economy to its knees," Anthony Chan, of Banc One Investment Advisors, said.

The US economy has been politician's dream, especially for Mr Clinton, poised to win a second term because of low memployment, steady growth and little inflationary pressure. Unemployment fell last month to 5.1 per cent, its lowest level in seven years. Although it stood pat yes-terday, it is expected that the Fed will raise rates at

its next meeting on Novem-



vestigation, shows pressure is building on Mr Greenspan to take pre-emptive action, especially because of a tightening labour marginal action of a tightening labour marginal actions are at largely symbolic rate at l ket. Eight of the 12 Fed regional bank presidents

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until now, kept its ranks to

just four associate, analyst

Fearing, however, that the bottleneck below partner

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had already fallen beyond the so-called "natural" starts to build, he said.

Rogue trader cost UBS £500,000

Dan Atkinson

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Securifies group UBS lost nearly half a million pounds through the activities of a rogue trader who defied orders on secret dealing and hid his trades. The bank lost a further £8.9 million on legitimate deals that had been misrecorded to hide losses.

Action by regulators against the rogue trader and one of his subordinates seems to draw the line under a number of incidents of wrong-doing at UBS in the early 1990s. It is thought that no further inquiries are under way into regulatory problems

between 1992 and 1995. American-born Mark Larkin has been expelled from the City and fined £10,000 with £4,500 costs. He worked on the UBS desk dealing in warrants and convertibles instruments allowing the bolder to take shares at some future date. Between July and October 1994 he disobeved instructions forbidding him to increase his market posi-

Mr Larkin, who is no longer in the United King-dom, hid his illicit trades by failing to book them at the correct time and by "ware-housing" them with his French counterparty.

He has also admitted failing.

to prevent one of his staff, losses on legitimate positions. Mr Keen, between March and May 1994, tried to defer dis-covery of dealing losses by mismarking his positions. Both men are thought to

have believed they knew bet-ter than the market and that their trades would come good. Mr Keen, who no longer works for UBS, was fined £2,000, with costs of £4,500. UBS, which has admitted failing speedily to identify the mismarking by Mr Keen, has been fined £20,000 with a reprimand and £8,000 costs. All fines and other penal ties were announced yester day by the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), the agency that polices exchange-based businesses. UBS, owned

by the Union Bank of Switzer-

land, is one of the largest City

investment houses.

It's the title that counts - or is it? DAN ATKINSON

investigates

OLDMAN Sachs, bul wark against unprofita-bility, lax fiscal policies and unsound money, may be succumbing to an equallydeadly form of economic degeneration — title inflation. The Wall Street bank is expected today to announce the creation of a new rank, just below its much-prized partnership level ... managing

director Well, not exactly a new rank. Already, all 147-odd Goldman partners are entitled to style themselves in this way. The new, unstart managing directors — there will be as many as 70 in all will be Goldman's equivalent of life peers, but insiders will know they aren't quite the

real thing. To British observers, accustomed to a rough ratio of one managing director to one company, the idea of a single | reputedly fond of titles. As the firm boasting 217 of them seems a touch excessive. The title, however, has a different meaning on Wall Street, and anyway, Goldman already bestows vice-presidential rank on several thousand employes around the world.

It is from among these viceexecutive directors — that the new managing directors will Americans generally are



Goldman Sachs appoints a new Eurotunnel fears over managing director – 70 times debt deadline gag has it, spell your own name and you're a graduate, get a job and you're a vice-president, spell someone

Uncertainty over Eurotun-nel's future was height-ened last night as it became clear that the cash-strapped company is unlikely to meet next Monday's expected deadline for renegotiating nearly 28 billion of debts with its 220strong consortium of banks, writes Patrick Donovan.

Well-placed sources admit-ted that negotiations were still incomplete, even though chairman Sir Alastair Morton earlier this month said that the company was just "eight hours of negotiations" away from a funding solution.

Meanwhile, the mandate for

Eurotunnel's two "referees". Lord Wakeham and Robert Badinter, who were appointed by the French courts to arbitrat between the company and its bankers, expires next Monday and they are not expected to serve another term. Without their intervention, prospects for an agreement look poor, say market sources.

However, the situation was further confused as other company sources said Euro-tunnel had always insisted that funding would be agreed by the end of the month

for their company Patrick Donovan

HREE directors of Glas-

City Editor

gow-based engineering company PCT were forced to launch an £11.5 million bid for their own company after being formally criticised by the Takeover Panel for breaching City regulations, it emerged yesterday. Stuart Wilson, chairman of the USM-listed company, managing director Paul Agnew and director Lawrence Grainger were ordered to make the offer because they failed to inform the Panel that they had built up a holding of over 50 per cent. This infringed strict takeover regulations which oblige

PCT three must bid

about the advise given by the company's legal advisors, the City's Baker & McKenzie. The statement follows the August that the three directors had launched a formal bid for their own company which manufactures welding equipment and power tools.

The Takeover Panel said that all three directors had made "repeated breaches" of

The Takeover Panel also

criticised PCT's advisors Allied Provincial Securities

for its "wholly inadequate' advice during the deal.

And, in what is regarded as

a highly unusual statement, the Panel raised questions

its code, building up a comany group of investors, or bined holding of more than 50 "concert party", to disclose details of any holding over 30 ber 1993.

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Ofwat pulls plug on syphoned funds

Nicholas Bannister

companies have been caught using funds core businesses to finance the activities of their non-regulated business in a breach of guidelines laid down by Of-wat, the industry regulator

In a devastating critique Ian Byatt, the director gen-eral of Ofwat, yesterday high-lighted ways in which associated companies had been able to benefit from the failure of the core companies to ensure value for money for custom-

He said the core businesses — water and sewerage — had carried out inadequate market testing before awarding contracts to associated companies, had used out-of-date costs for pricing specialist ments. services, or had paid the Under

group for services which the finances of the core water pany procedures, he would were not provided.

He also criticised charges made by parent companies for guaranteeing loans to the regulated businesses and said there was potential for conflicts of interest where directors or senior managers of the regulated businesses were also on the boards of associated companies.

Labour pointed out that the Ofwat inspectors had found that the core regulated businesses of North West Water, Severn Trent, South West and Thames Water had been paying charges to their parent which were not directly related to any services provided by the group, and that South West Water and Yorkshire Water had been caught syphoning money from their core businesses through loan guarantee pay-

Under current regulation,

and sewerage businesses are meant to be ring-fenced to used to subsidise other group activities.

An Ofwat spokeswoman said that a six month long Ofwat cases of cross subsidies — totalling £2.9 million — and uncovered other cases where procedures could have allowed cross-subsidies to take place.

All the companies had agreed to take "corrective action" to comply with Ofwat's guidelines. The earlier failures to comply would be taken into account at the next price review and could result in slightly tougher price regimes for individual companies.

Mr Byatt said the Ofwat

review had shown the need for improved scrutiny of comauditors. While it was not the regulator's job to audit com-

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concerns about the situation where trade with associates is a high proportion of the turnover of the regulated busi-nesses and where associates are heavily dependent upor trade with the regulated business," he said. "In such cases it could be better to reintegrate the activity into the regulated business.

Frank Dobson, the shadow environment secretary, said: "These findings vindicate everything that we have been saying about the way the privatised water companies have been able to cream off money from their core water and sewerage businesses to fi-nance other non-regulated activities by their parents and associated companies at the expense of people's water and

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axe out as debt mounts

Tarmac

1,400 jobs are set to go at a cost of £65m, reports Tony May

'ARMAC'S mounted and losses more than trebled in the first half of the year as the construction group set aside £65 million to axe 1,400 jobs. The cuts fol-lowed a £600 million deal in March that saw Tarmac swap its housebuilding division for Wimpey's conoperations

Announcing a jump in losses from £15.9 million to £58.3 million. Chris Bunker. finance director. said: "Debt is at an unacceptable level and the management is focused on reducing our

He said group debt rose y £163.5 million to £511.6 million in the six months to June 30. This represented gearing of 66 per cent and he aimed to cut this back to 30 or 40 per cent over the next two or three years by improving both profit margins and the quality of earnings.

City analysts said they would be cutting their forecasts for the group's full-year profits from about £85 million to some £78 million. They said that after strip-ping out the redundancy costs, the group's underlying profits — down from £29.1 million to £6.7 million - were at the bottom end of expectations due to tough markets and bad weather which hit winter projects.

Neville Simms, the chief executive, said of the firsthalf figures: "In a year of transition for the group. the results are neither representative of the true underlying performance of the businesses, nor of their potential ... The outlook for the medium term and beyond is positive."
He said that while the

benefits of the swap had so far failed to feed through. the restructuring would yield bigger-than-expected savings of £35 million a year and there would be some ing from low infrastructure benefit in the second half.



pean market was difficult. particularly France, while in Britain the building materials division was sufferspending and cutbacks in

There had been a slide in | Centrac, and the formation revenues from road maintepartly offset by a new venture into railway track

of a GTRM, a joint venture Tarmac confirmed that it is in "serious talks" with maintenance. This started Sime Darby with a view to in March with purchase of forming a joint venture.

BUT ONLY

Climb in prices leaves business jealous of US

MATER prices rose by more than double the rate of inflation during 1995/96, making NUS, which provides a during 1995/96, making Britain one of the most expensive countries in the industrialised world, according to a survey of business users published yesterday, writes Nicholas Bannister.

National Utility Services. which examined prices in 15 countries, said that water costs for UK businesses rose 4.9 per cent in the year to July and would continue to rise until the end of the century.

The service's director. Andrew John, said: "De-spite some modest attempts by the industry regulator. Ian Byatt, to introduce competition into the indus-

water, energy and telecommunications cost control service to businesses worldwide, said water prices in Germany, at 122.27p per cubic metre, were the highest of the countries

Britain was the sixth most expensive, with water costing 63.84p per cubic metre, almost double the cost in the United States. Average prices in the US fell 1.5 per cent against an inflation rate of 2.8 per cent, influenced by a 6.6 per cent price cut in Los Angeles as the city's extensive repairs programme nears

Foreign investment up 40pc

OREIGN direct investment increased by 40 per cent last year to a record \$315 billion (£207 billion) as companies spread their operresponse to competitive pressures, liberalisation and new

velopment (Unctad), shows that US companies were the most active foreign investors. putting \$96 billion outside

American and other foreign reached a record of investors. Britain accounts \$38 billion, going mostly into for nearly half of the direct large-scale investments in its investment opportunities, ac. investment by Japanese com. main export markets, the US around \$5 billion. ording to a new report pub. panies in Europe, and they and other European Union expect the UK to be the tenth | countries. Britain invested | Investment. Trade and Inter-The new data in World In | most promising country in \$10 billion in America. Once | national Policy Arrangements. vestment Report 1996, publishe world for investment in again the Anglo-Dutch corpolished by the United Nations | the medium term. Investors | ration Royal Dutch Shell was

> | influence on the products in the shops will not be completely felt until next year.

Ms Iverson said yesterday

that it would be seen in more sophisticated, cleaner party wear, some new fabrics and a

allowed a separate US opera tion to grow. As a result styles diverged and costs suf-

fered as potential economie

Now Ms Iverson is attempt

ing to build a global image by

unifying design and merchan-

She confessed yesterday that a pan-European ap-proach had not worked, as

seen by falling sales in both

product groups in the first half of the year. "You can't talk Europe. You have got to

In the US, the problem is that the shop chain is wrong

for the home furnishings

which are the more promis

Then there is manufactur-ing. Laura Ashley was built on the production of its own cotton prints. But it is hard to

make vertical integration work, since the interests of

the production side and those of the shops often conflict.

Finance director Jim Walsh has applied his uncompromis-

the factories almost daily.

So far, so good. But Ms Iverson and her team are retailers and there is a sense

that they would be happy not to have to worry about manu-facturing as well.

After all, there are plenty of

other things to worry about,

but that takes time.

of scale were lost.

dising in the UK.

cause of low costs and corporate taxes compared to other EU countries, Unctad reports. Foreign direct investment

America.

The UK emerged as the favourite destination for the US. Outflows from the UK.

world's largest multinational in terms of foreign assets.

The report notes that the flows of foreign direct investment are uneven and many developine countries, particularly in Africa, obtain very lised. In recent years, annual flows to Africa have been

Eighties revival, after a fashion

OUTLOOK/Laura Ashley's recovery is slow, reports ROGER COWE

NN Iverson, the chief ex-Acutive appointed last year to haul Laura Ash ley out of the trough it fell into in the late 1980s, said yes-terday that the results for the first half of the year were

'right on target". But, with sales slipping and profits leaping only because of last year's pitiful level, she still has a hard task ahead to hoist the company back to ac-ceptable health.

The 5 per cent dip in sales to £156 million was due mainly to disposals and shop closures but comparable shop sales have also slipped on the Continent and in the US. Profits have improved thanks to cost savings, with the pretax figure up from £3 million to £5 million, but

are still marginal. Even so, recovery has been sufficient to pay the first in-terim dividend since 1989.

ing side of the business. The portfolio is being switched, A lot has happened since Ms Iverson took over. She has constructed an entirely new. and almost entirely female, management team. She has also addressed the key issue of the brand, which had become confused and dated since its early-1980s heyday.

More detailed operational ing US approach to the prob-lem. The result is 152 fewer staff, a 13 per cent cut and a promise to review the fate of matters have been tackled, such as the US store portfolio, manufacturing costs at the network of Welsh factories and the potential for using the brand in different ways.

But in a fashion business, even one as essentially time-less as the Victorian inspired-frocks and furnishings which made the company's name, the product is the big issue and it takes time to change the product.

Basha Cohen took over as fell by 23p (11 per cent) yester-

design and buying director at | day in disappointment at the the start of the year but her | slow progress.

News in brief

Rank pays £95.6m for Tom Cobleigh

RANK, the leisure conglomerate, yesterday announced it was buying the specialist pub company Tom Cobleigh for £95.6 miltion. The offer of 240p per share is backed by 61.5 per cent of Tom Cobleigh's shareholders, including the directors. The deal will give Derek Mapp, Tom Cobleigh's founder and managing director, a profit of about 26.3 million. The company was floated last November at 150p a share. Until the past few days, the Bolton-based Yates Brothers Wine Lodges had been tipped as the most likely purchaser of Tom Cobleigh.

softer look generally.

Laura Ashley had lost its focus by trying to avoid the trap of seeking to repeat a British success in the US market. Instead, the company Analysts described the price being paid by Rank as "full". But Rank's chief executive, Andrew Tears, said Tom Cobleigh was a fast-growing business. It operates 44 branded pubs under the motto "Unspoilt pubs for nice people" in Yorkshire and the Midlands. It plans to open a further 10 pubs before the end of the

Warning knocks AT&T shares

Shares of AT&T plunged yesterday after the telecommunications giant warned that profits in the second half of the year will come as much as 10 per cent below Wall Street forecasts. The profit warning came in a letter from chairman Robert

Allen to shareholders, who said that earnings were being affected by its investments in local, online and wireless services as well as infrastructure to provide new communications and information services.

"Further, we currently believe that competitive pressures will

continue for the remainder of the year and we are intensifying our marketing efforts," Mr Allen wrote.

AT&T is one of the most widely held shares on Wall Street and its fall dragged down the US stock market, already on edge because of a meeting of the Federal Reserve's policy-making Open Market Committee. In morning trading, AT&T was down \$4% at \$52%. — Mark Tran in New York

Jungels heads for Enterprise BRITISH Gas's exploration and production managing director.

Pierre Jungels, has been lured away as chief executive of Enter-prise Oil after less than a year in his current job. Mr Jungels will replace outgoing 59-year-old Mike Pink. The appointment, which yesterday saw shares firm 4p to 519p, will help settle the succession uncertainty at the top of the company's board. But Enterprise added that chairman Graham Hearne will continue in his post although he is nearing the company's official

retirement age of 60.

British Gas is briafing headhunters to look for a replacement for Mr Jungels. — Patrick Donovan

Free-for-all aids Hodder

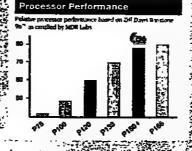
HODDER Headline, the publishing company which helped smash the Net Book Agreement, yesterday insisted that sales are benefit-ing from the pricing free-for-all—even though pre-tax profits slumped from £2.1 million to £500,000 for the half year to June 30.

Group chief executive Tim Hely Hutchinson said last year results had been unusually high because of the success of thrillers such as John Le Carre's Our Game. He forecast that profits would show an increase at the year-end, partly because of additional sales generated by the ending of the industry's price-fixing agree ment. -- Patrick Donovan

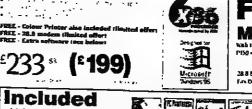


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Counties look to new dawn

Mike Selvey

N AN unexpected display unanimity, the counties yesterday agreed proposals for the creation of an England and Wales Cricket Board. Opposition from Warwickshire was quelled and the 18 first-class counties, plus the MCC and Minor Counties, voted 20-0.

Last year's county champions had been expected to object to the constitution of the First Class Forum — the organisation that will represent the first-class counties. But after several hours of negotiation at a meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board, all the counties agreed on the way ahead, subject to the approval of the National Cricket Association.

"All the members voted unanimously 20-0 in favour of the creation of the ECB with affect from January 1 1997," the TCCB said. "The proposals will now be passed to the NCA for approval at their meeting on October 16."

David Morgan, chairman of the working party, was de-lighted with the outcome, saying it was "an historic and major step forward in uniting the whole game of cricket in this country

The game from top to toe average of 57.

will be run by a 15-strong management board which in theory should be able to pro-vide the game with all the di-

rection it needs.

In practice, however, according to the report, "all matters of significant cricketing and financial importance to the first-class game" must be referred to the First Class Forum.

That, in effect, will be the TCCB with a new hat, and it means that, when push comes to shove, the counties will continue to hold sway over matters even if they are con-trary to the interest of the

national side.

A TCCB spokesman said:

"The professional game has given its backing, now it is up to the recreational game to do the same."

 Courtney Walsh has agreed a new two-year contract with Gloucestershire, subject to his country's board of control which wants the 33-year-old bowler to stay in the Carib-bean after this winter to help develop the domestic game.

 Hampshire have signed the Australian opening batsman Matthew Hayden as their overseas player for next sea-son on a one-year deal. The Queensland vice-captain has scored more than 7,000 runs in his first-class career at an



Sightscreen . . . Darren Gough, the Yorkshire pace bowler looking forward to England's winter tour of Zimbabwe and New Zealand, having his eyes tested at the squad's general fitness check yesterday

PHOTOGRAPH: MICHAEL STEELE

Sport in brief

Basketball

The London Towers silenced the European Cup, writes Robert Pryce, From 6-0 down the English champions took charge with a full-court press, "Diamond" Danny Lewis profiting with 29 points and the 41-year-old Alan Cunningham romping away with 19 points and eight rebounds.

a semi-final berth halfway to ease Pakistan to victory by tion by tracking Dufaux.

through the Match Racing 52 runs over India in the fifth | Ice Hockey | World Championship round | and deciding Sahara Cup | robin stage in Dubrovnik, writes Bob Fisher,

Cycling

The Tour of Spain leader Alex

Zille had to be helped from

Peter Holmberg of the US Virgin Islands leads the de-fending champion, the Ameri-13,000 Georgians yesterday by fending champion, the Ameribeating Vita Tbilisi 87-78 in can Ed Baird, each having seven wins and two defeats. Russell Coutts of New Zealand is third and like Law has six wins and three defeats. Thierry Peponnet, currently last in the match-racing, won a BMW by taking yesterday's rest-day fleet race.

Cricket Salting

Britain's Chris Law is in med took five for 36, his best one-day international figures.

and deciding Sahara Cup match in Toronto.

Czech put on Lyle's American adventure

his bike after struggling in 42sec behind his ONCE teammate Oliverio Rincon on the uphill Ampriu finish to yesterday's 98-mile 17th stage. The Swiss's team-mate Laurent Jalabert in second and his compatriot Laurent Du-

faux picked up bonus time. the Frenchman gaining 18sec overall. Zülle wilted in the club rule. Lyle, 16, beat two Canadiface of Rincon's strike with three miles left as Jalabert had to cover the team posi-

Vic Batchelder

THE former Cardiff net-minder Stevie Lyle has returned home after his place in one of the United States' top Major Junior A sides was snatched from him because of a strict two-foreigners-per-

ans at a pre-season training camp last month to get into the Detroit Whalers squad, only to lose out when a Czech

already on their books, the Whalers found themselves with three Europeans. Lyle, who made his senior debut for Britain in last season's world championships, was

the unlucky player. Lyle's goal-tending coach and adviser Jeff Smith, a former British League goalie, a place in a Superleague said yesterday: "He's been as sured he can go back next Storm two possibilities.

player was returned to the year, but right now has to club from their parent NHL side, Hartford.

With a Russian defencement work. Stevie's too good a talent to sit on the bench behind

some Canadian No.1 who wants to play all the games."
Smith, who helped set up
Lyle's Detroit trip, added:
"The sad part is that Stevie
didn't fail. He won a spot on
merit against tough opposition." Now Lyle is looking for
a place in a Superleague term a place in a Superleague team, with Cardiff and Manchester

He was gradually being brought to his peak and impressed in a post race exercise at Newbury last Saturday, but Cole said: "He is a bit stiff and core and review and said." stiff and sore and we're run-ning out of time. It's a great

the few really good horses I've ever had.

tends to run both Sleepytime and Reams of Verse in the

The Newmarket trainer regards Sleepytime as his best two-year-old filly and she was made 6-1 second favour ite behind Dazzle (4-1) for next year's 1.000 Guineas after a very easy winning debut at Sandown last week. while Reams of Verse was given a 20-1 quote for the Classic after landing the May Hill Stakes at Doncaster.

ant romping home at Epsom yesterday and another success could come in the shape of Kalinka at Goodwood this

Blow for Cole as Riyadian is ruled out of Arc

Ken Oliver

ROSPECTS of an English-trained horse winning the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe were weak-ened yesterday when Paul Cole ruled out Riyadian.

The Whatcombe trainer has been forced to abandon what he believed was his best ever chance of landing the contes when the colt returned from a weekend gallop "stiff and

Riyadian, 12-1 for the Longchamp race a week on Sun-day, had deliberately not been run since winning the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket in May, sidestepping the big summer events for a major crack at the Arc.

shame because he is one of

"We've come all this way until Saturday when he worked very well, but he has been a bit stiff since. He just

gives me had vibes." Henry Cecil, who has won Ascot's Fillies Mile five times in the past dozen years, in-

Group One race on Sunday.

Cole's Arc disappointment was slightly tempered with his well-backed Mount Pleas-

tom weight of 7st 10lb in the Hoshizaki Icemakers Auction

The filly, after running third to Khassah at Ascot in June, followed up with an easy three and a half lengths victory over Double Gold at Warwick.

That form has been boosted with the runner-up going on to win twice and, with that good lightweight Francis Norton in the saddle, Kalinka (3.00) looks the day's best bet. Eric Wheeler's consistent sprinter Malibu Man (4.30)

is fancied to give his 19 rivals the weight and a beating in the Frialator International Handicap.
The four-year-old was returning from a seven-week break when scoring at Chep-

stow 13 days ago. He showed tremendous early pace to go five lengths clear at the halfway stage of that five furlong race and still had two lengths to spare over Ashkernaz at the line.

The runner-up opposes on 5lb better terms, but Malibu Man can make his early pace tell on this downhill course and should have the upper hand again.

John Reid, who rides Ma-libu Man, can initiate a double on Voyagers Quest (3.30) in the St Ivel 'Gold Cup' Maiden Stakes.

Peter Chapple-Hyam's youngster made an encourag-ing debut at Doncaster 12 days ago when third to Cape Cross. He was running on well at the finish and that experience could give him the edge over newcomer Heritage from John Gosden's Newmar-

(2.50) can make the number one spot in the Marford Maiden Stakes.

supported at long odds on her debut at Salisbury but crossed swords with the highly rated Sarayir.

Hern's smart performer but ran a highly creditable second, beaten five lengths. afternoon.

Kalinka appears to have an outstanding chance with bot-

Goodwood runners and riders with form guide

MARKETSARY SELECTION

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Dunlop's lire

JOHN DUNLOP'S Passi d'Orlando, having the third run of his career, gained an easy win when ridden by Giovanni Forte in yesterday's

leaders, ridden 21 aus, laded 11 out, 5th at 9, bin 101, to Busy Flight (Concaster 1s

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POINT GUIDE. MALTRU MAIN MADE BILL HORD COM. I NICOM ON, INNI ASHKERNAZY (FIC 188) BY 21, PALEY PRINCE free 98) 5th of 16 (Chepstow 5t heap, Gd-Fm).

SCHSSOR RIDGER Prominent every chance final histog, ran on, 4th of 21, bin 10 in Claim Chief, SOUREE CORRES (1994) 85 (50), by 16 (Goodmood 8th pc), 6d).

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TOP FORM TIPS: King Parrol S. Joszim 7, Rol De La Mer 6 ing Sigties 4 9 8 \$ Whitworth 20–1 (G L Moore) 22 ran Betting: 8-1 King Parrot, 7-1 Jazzim, 8-1 Roi De La Mer, 10-1 Open Aflair, Cherhon Imp. 13-1 Pro Brigader, Sporting Rasi, Baron Frabovsky.

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Golf-m) OPEN AFFAIR: Aways in rear, 16th of 19, btn 321, to Gold Desire (York 1m 28 Styd bop, Gol CALARLTON MER: Provincent until 31 call, 6th of 13, btn 141, to High Sammer (Salesbury 7) hop. Fit PROUD BRUGADUST: Headway final 25, newer nearer, 4th of 15, btn 41, to Yalathart (Windsor Im 6

5.3	MERBURY CATERING CONSULTANTS HANDICAP 3YO 1st 4f 04,628
1	03610 FASIL (40) (C) C Bensteed 9-7
2	605001 FAR DAWN (16) 6 Harmood 9-2
3	THACT HE USE PROBLET CITY & HERMAN 7-1 J REED 9
4	29100 MATTHEO /430 A Mrsk 6-13
5	0_2005 WITTY KITTY CANCAN (27) Lady Herrics 8-11 P 000 (7) 7
6	2_401 DOUBLE (95) I Specif 8-8
7	505312 SHALATEENO (19) B Hukman 8-0
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•	413504 QUIET ARCH (26) C Cycer 8-1
10	500222 DEBULKNEL (39) D Marks 7-11

TOP FORM TIPS: Major Dandes S. Divine 7, Far Dawn 6

Bestings 4-1 Drvine, 5-1 Far Dawn, 6-1 Major Dunjie's Shaksteeno, Ksty Kity Cancan, 8-1 Socie Falcon Majorneo, W-1 Dhyshitel

Mark Johnston sent three horses, Atlantic Desire, Balladoole Bajan and Maid For Baileys, from his Middleham one-mile Premio Serio at San yard in Yorkshire to Epsom yesterday and the trio, with Siro, Milan.

Jason Weaver riding, obliged at odds of 140-1.

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2.50 Calypea Grant (rsb)

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1	00	CHILL-WAH-WAH (7) C Smp 5-8-7 D MeKeeup 4	
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	727	GMICER FOX (81) H Coci 3-8-12	
7	9034	GULLIVER (21) B Hub 3-8-12	
à	452	HEART (25) M Strute 3-8-7 K Fallon 8	
	64	WYSARA (16) J Gosdan 3-8-7 G Hard S	

TOP FORM TIPS: Glagor Fox 10, Hourt 8, Ballet High 7 1855: General Assembly 3 8 12 Pet Eddary 5-8 (H Cecil) 12 res. Bettings 11-70 Gunger Fox, 7-2 Heart, 4-1 Bailet High, 5-1 Gulliver, 8-1 Wybsra. 33-1 St Hono

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		HONOURABLE FELIX (119) E Aisson 9-0 Felion 10	
	05	MAFTOOL (54) J Gooden 9-0	
		RALLY SOUZA (9) M Johnston 6-9 Wester 5	
	2	CALYPSO GRANT (20) P Harns 8-9	
	6	ROSY OUTLOOK (18) Balding 8-9	
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2	2321	PERICLES (18) M Johnston 9-3
4	203304	GRATE THEES (20) (D) E Weymas 8-13 K Durley 4
5	03041	COMMANDER JOHES (19) B Mechan B-12
6	054	SAFFRON ROSE (13) M Bineshard 8-11 J Quies 11
Ť	32:22	RIVER OF FORTUNE (7) (SF) M Tomplure 8-11 M Heavy (3) 12
ä	445	HEATHYARDS PEARL (40) R Holleshead 6-11
ī		SHALL WE GO (30) (D) R Hunnon (-)
10	630	AL AVA CONSONANT (25) J Behell 6-6 P Fessey (5) 8
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á	030504 MOUFARI (20) R Hollinshead 5-9-13					
- 3	00003 BOB'S PLOY (25) M Tompline 4-8-12					
4	0-41103 THE SWAR (26) (D) J Dunlop 3-9-6					
6	0360-2 LOVE THE BLUES (186) D Nicholson 4-9-3 Dendey 7					
6	500205 BOWCLEFFE COURT (29) B HIIIs 4-9-0					
ž	431250 RASAYEL (20) (C) P Evens 5-9-0					
ā	122253 BEAUMONT (21) J Banks 6-8-11					
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10	5220-0 ARGYLE CAVALIER (61) (D) B vicentan 6-8-8					
11	0-00435 TIROLETTE (18) R W.Hams 4-8-7					
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 Blinkered today for the first time: CHESTER: 4.50 One For Jeannie. GOODWOOD: 2.30 Silca's My Key; 3.00 Tulsa.

ket stable. At Chester, Calypso Grant

Peter Harris's filly was well

She was no match for Dick

Perth (N.H.)

2.40 To Be The Best

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Setting 11-4 Bourdonner, 7-2 Nicholas Plant, 5-1 Funtiock, 6-1 Able Player, Good Team, 6-1 Teating 3.40 BOYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND HAMPICAP CHASE 24 04,202

Bettings 5-2 Solo Geni. 11-4 Rebet King, 4-1 Grand Scenery, 8-1 Off The Bru. Willie Spar 10-1 Forward Glen. 4.10 ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND CLAMBING HURDLE 2m 110yrs C2,722

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Results

NOTTINGHAM

LOG: 1, FERN'S GOVERNOR, Mr T McCarthy (100-301; 2, Father Dan (8-1); 3, Diagonal Crown (20-1); 4, Kewnsinge (14-1), 16 ran, 18, 35, K. (W Munscon) Tota: (4.20, 21.60, 12.40, 22.60, 12.50, DF: 114-40, LSF E31 18 Theast 145D:75 Trick 594-50 2.30c 1, 54HBMRG CLOUID, M Fenton (7-1); 2, Minmacolinio (33-1); 3, Ivory's Grab Hire (14-11, 13-2) Gymcrak Gem, 23 ran, 8, and, 1M Bell) Tota: C7.50, 52.00, 530.10, 54.00, DF C338-20, CSF E223-56, NR Antimaton Animation 2.0-6: 1, MUCH COMMERICAD, M Hills 2.0-6: 2, Dragonada (10-11): 3, Made Bold (14-1), 9 ran. 3, 21, (6 Wragg) Tots: 23.0; 21.0; 51.20; C3.90 DF 52.30 CSF 55.27 Trio: 59.30.

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(4-1): 2, Townsy Tortoles (6-1): 3, High
Extreme (13-8), 6 ran. 6, 25; (M. Johnston)
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Uefa Cup, first round, second leg: Helsingborgs IF 0, Aston Villa 0 (agg: 1-1; Helsingborg go through on away goal)

Door slammed shut on Villa Sad City fail to

Tom Evans in Helsingborg

was a long-range shot by Draper that hit the post with only seconds remaining. It rather summe up Villa's night: power and energy but ultimately insuffi-cient art and direction.

The neat and compact Olympia Stadium had been increased in capacity to 10,000 by the addition of temporary eating but still had the feel of an English lower-division

ground.
The sharp and clear Scandinavian night was ideal for football as Villa set about the pattern of the first leg was instantly re-established as the Swedes assembled nine or more men behind the ball. Villa's strike pair of Milosevic and Yorke, who have yet to rediscover their rapport of last season, were both closely marked man-to-man.

Another echo of the Villa Another echo of the Villa Park tie came when a smooth link-up left Draper with a shooting chance — which he carelessly ballooned into the crowd. And although Helsingborg defended in depth, Villa's 300 travelling support were given little for their comfort as the Spedes often. comfort as the Swedes often revealed neat control and managed some probing forward passes. For all Villa's attacking there was real danger of a breakaway goal like the one conjured in the first leg.

But the Swedes' defensive discipline was the dominant factor as Villa tried to pass their way into scoring situations. A sudden burst and long shot by Townsend and a free-kick ploy that put Yorke in possession forced Andersson into the action, but on both occasions the tall goalkeeper saved comfortably.

As half-time neared Villa's lobbed through-ball to release Mattias Jonsson. Villa would surely have been a goal down but for the quick thinking of Oakes, who marked his European debut by boldly dashing out beyond his 18 yard-line to head away, Villa would have gone a goal down.

and their manager



Snuffed-out striker . . . Aston Villa's Dwight Yorke is smothered by Helsingborgs' Andreas Jakobsson last night

flash of inspiration or at least | half Andersson was presented | lied by his team's style on the a gear-change if they were to save their embarrassment at the way the European rookies were dealing with all the Pre-

offer.
Chances were fleeting and when they came needed a clinical finish, but when Draper was set up for a close-

In the contest between Helsingborg's massed retreat and Villa's all too predictable attacks it was the Swedes whose tactics worked most ef-

would not be based on the no-

On the hour, with Villa cry-ing out for fresh inspiration and direction, Paul McGrath was introduced as a substi-tute in place of Nelson. Little fectively. Their manager was obviously going through away and the veteran Irish in-ternational took his place in insisted that his game-plan

Ehiogu to be pushed forward. | free-kick that he in fact had change with Martin taking over from Powell

Villa argued for a penalty as Yorke forced a gap between defenders and the ball appeared to strike a Helsingborg hand. The referee rejected their claim though supporters interpreted his signal of a

awarded. Villa's grip on Europe was spair. Yorke shot well wide from 25 yards. Helsingborg: Andersson: O Nassan.

Power M Joneson Erksson, Janeson

Hamburg 2, Celtic 0 (agg: 4-0)

Burns heated as Celtic crash

INE-MAN Celtic Celtic's agonies, they lost their top scorer Jorge Cuefa Cup on a night of Cadete early in the game bitterness and frustration at the Volkspark Stadium. Malky Mackay and John Hughes were sent off during a torrid first half as the Germans built on their 2-0 advantage from the first leg in Glasgow. Celtic have now had six men sent off

Goals from Karsten Baron and Andre Breitenreiter clinically dismissed Tommy Burns's side from the competition. Hamburg also had a man sent off, Markus Schupp being dis-missed by the referee Vadik Schuk in the 71st minute for a second bookable offence after a foul on Celtic's sub-

stitute Morten Wieghorst. Burns himself had been

when he was carried off after a clumsy foul by the Hamburg defender Ste-

phane Henchoz. After the match Burns criticised the referee. "The referee's handling of the game left a lot to be de-sired." he said. "I asked him at half-time if he could be fair to both sides. However, the day is fast approaching when the game will not be a full-contact

"Our team were also upset over the validity of both Hamburg goals. I will cer-tainly be taking no disciplinary action against Hugbes and Mackay."

Burns said that Cadete had a bad hamstring injury involved in a confrontation and was almost certain to with the referee as the play- miss Saturday's Old Firm ers left the pitch at the in-terval. And to compound is a severe blow," he said.

Monaco win without captain

ONACO advanced to the penalty, from which Walde-second round of the Uefa mar Adamczyk scored for the Cup despite having only 10 men for the last 27 minutes of their second leg at bome to Hutnik Krakow of Poland. Their captain Franck Dumas was sent off when he handled scoring their other goal with in the area and conceded a superb free-kick.

Derby County

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visitors. Monaco, 1-0 ahead from the first leg, won 3-1 with two goals by the Brazilian Sonny Anderson, Franck Martin

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Barry Town 3, Aberdeen 3 (agg: 4-6)

Barry caught by Dodds' brace

Result

Soccer

UEFA CUP

Barry Tn (1) \$ O'Gorman 4

First-round, second lea

goals)

Roda JC Kerkrade 2. Schalike 2 (agg. 2–5);
National Bucharest 2. Chornomorets
Odessa 0 (agg. 2–0); Dinamo Tbilisi 1, Torpedo Mogocov 1 (agg. 2–1); Savie Prague
3. Malmo 1 (agg. 5–2); Korleruhe 4, Rapid
Bucharest 1 (agg. 4–2); Casimo Graz 2,
Ekeren 0 (agg. 3–3, Casino Graz won on
away goals); Trabzortspor 3. Bodo-Glimt 1
lagg 5–2); Dynamo Moscow 1, Roma 3
(agg. 1–6), Monaco 3, Hutmir Kralcow 1
(agg. 4–1); Boavista 1, Odense 2 (agg. 4–4;
Boavista won on away goals); Bealitas 3,
Molenbeek 0 (agg. 3–0), Olympiakoa 2,
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Second-round, second leg

COCA-COLA CUP

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BRACE of goals by Billy Dodds, Scotland's lead Dodds, Scottand's leading scorer, saw off Barry Town's brave attempt to reach the second round. Two defeats in five days and an injury cri-sis had left Aberdeen vulnerable and they needed all their resilience to recover from an early setback.

Jenner Park was packed with 6,000 people to see if Barry could go where no League of Wales team had gone before. With wins over Dinaburg from Latvia and Budapest Vasutas in the prelimi-

history, but they trailed 3-1 after the first leg at Pittodrie. They might have been history in the first minute as Bovendale failed to collect a chip from the halfway line. Young's shot was cleared on the six-yard line by the captain Ian French.

Within two minutes the League of Wales champions were ahead. A strong run by Bird took him clear down the right. Pike headed back across goal at the far post and Walker could only parry the ball to O'Gorman, who drove home from eight yards.

(agg: 1-5)

(agg: 3-7)

Scott 6 (899 3-0)

(agg: 2-3)

Yerk (1) 3 Tolson 35 Bull 57 Murty 86 (agg: 4-3)

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

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Rugby Union

ANGLO-WELSH CUP: Pool 2E: Treachy
8, Orrell 19.

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v Llandesto; Bridgend Sports v Triant
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v Harwaun, Abergavenny v Beddau; Nanyffyllon v Waunarhydd, Resolven v Cardiff HSOB Guins, Mumblas v Pontypool
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First Division

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nary round Barry had made | Barry's euphoria evaporated | for his 14th goal of the season. when a through-ball caught them cold at the back and Dodds strode through to score from just inside the area. In a balanced and pulsating

tie, Barry created two chances in a minute and might have regained the lead. Lloyd's lob almost caught out Walker on the far post and French narrowly missed heading home the corner.

But in the 26th minute a peach of a pass by Kiriakov helped put Aberdeen back in control. It set Windass free on the right and his square ball On the quarter-hour yards by the unmarked Dodds

LTA AUTUMN SATELLITE (Tallord)

American Football

MATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago 4, Pitts-burgh 3: St Louis 3, Cinchmati 2; Atlanta 3, Montreal 1. AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milespikee 8, Balti-

NFL: Indianapolis 10, Mjami 6.

Baseball

Lincoln (1) 1 | Tennis

Midway through the second half Grant up-ended Bird in the box and Ryan sent Walker the wrong way with his spot kick. Seven minutes from time, Walker could not hold Ryan's shot and Bird put

Barry ahead again. But a minute later Rowson scored with a low right foot shot to secure a less than convincing aggregate victory for Aberdeen. Barry Towns Bovendale, Johnson, French, Lloyd O'German (Evans Samin) Barnett, Johns (Hoggms 87), Ryan, Pike (Griffiths, 45), Bvd, York

Aberdeen; Walker; McKimmie, Tzvetanov, Young, Irvine, Wcodthorpe Rowson, Dodds, Windass, Kirlakov (Shearer, 85), Grant. Refereet L Michel (Slovakia),

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(Aus) 6-2. 8-0; N Egorova (Rus) bit F
Hearn 6-0. 6-1; E Bond bit L Perkins 6-0.
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Fixtures

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(4 30).
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v West Ham; Cardiff v Milhwell (2.0); Chari-ion v Swindon (2.0). LEAGUE OF WALES: Combran v Car-marthen Ta. FAI NATIONAL LEAGUE: Shield: North-om Sections Athlone Tn v St Francis.

Manchester City 0, Lincoln City 1 (agg: 1-5)

Coca-Cola Cup: 2nd round, 2nd leg

pick up Bos

depths on another wretched night for those who cling to the mistaken belief that the club are still worthy of a place among English foothall's elite.

City, they produced an equally inept performance

Smiling gamely while reality is slapping you about the face is par for the course at the Maine Road follies these days, but the joke has worn pretty thin in recent weeks Not being able to find a

anager is one thing, being pummelled by a distinctly average Third Division outfit is quite another. The hope of the City fans who loyally turned up in their thousands was that last week's atrocious perfor-mance at Sincil Bank represented a crestfallen club's

lowest point. The early rounds of this competition do so often produce unpalatable affairs. And so it was with this game: it was an evening of frantic effort but little or

no thought.
Lincoln's approach may be positively ugly but unlike City they can be

of place in a pub team. After weathering an early storm, the visitors ac-cepted the sort of gift that City are handing out every With 18 minutes g City's goalkeeper Dibble and centre-back Symons simple clearance. Symons's back-pass clipped the heel of Martin and fell directly in front of Gijsbert Bos.

Thereafter City campe in the Lincoln penalty area and proceeded to prove that to accept them. There were many guilty men but Rösier in particular cut a desper ate figure, falling over at

who could not miss. He did

Lincoln's obvious limits tions were never truly exposed and, with some mis-chief, they began to break out of defence to seek yet another goal.

Darlington 0, Leeds United 2 (agg: 2-4)

Leeds get show on the road

George Caulkin

arrived at Elland Road two weeks ago. Road two weeks ago, much was made of regeneration, renewal and fresh hope. Last night Leeds's first vic-tory since the Scot returned to the game from temporary exile began the arduous process of restoring a sense of purpose to the club's tumultu-

First-half goals from Rod Wallace and Ian Harte gave the aggregate scoreline a veneer of respectability, but once more Leeds had to weather a storm whipped up by a spirited Darlington side who were eventually out-

played but never outfought. The notion that Leeds are in need of a total overhaul was given a new twist when their team bus broke down en route; they finished the journey to County Durham in two taxis and a couple of requisitioned mini-buses. Having lost both of their games since Graham took the reins, they had no scope for a slip-up last

That Graham could find 11 Destinations Newell: Bramed, Barnard, fit players was a success in itself, despite Ian Rush falling victim to the same injury jinx that has seen his striking partners Tony Yeboah, Brian Tony Yeboah, Brian Barnard, Sharpe, Westers, Grey, Coursers, Ford. That Graham could find 11 fit players was a success in itself, despite Ian Rush falling partners Tony Yeboah, Brian

ANGLO-WELSH CUP: Pool 28: Trearchy

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Wales v

TOUR MATCH: PNG Presidents Alli Great Britain (5 30am, Mt Haden).

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Crystal Palace v

PREMIER LEAGUE Kingston v Medway

Kimiko Date, Japan's top

woman tennis player, is to bow out at the end of the

season. The 25-year-old world No. 7, who beat Steffi Graf in

last April's Fed Cup tie but had the tables turned on her

in the Wimbledon semi-finals,

said she was "not announcing my retirement to get

The Middlesbrough mid-

dleweight Cornelius Carr has

been given a second chance to

win a world title after his defeat by Steve Collins. The 27-year-old will challenge the

unbeaten WBO middleweight

champion, the American Lon-

nie Bradley, in November at a venue still to be confirmed.

• Gloucester's rugby union club have cut their squad from 55 to 46 following the

club's poor start to the sea-son. One of the casualties of the reshuffle is the full-back Gareth Fenwick, whose con-tract has been terminated. Sale's player-coach John Mitchell has been promoted by the Courses League One

by the Courage League One club to be their new Director

of Rugby. The New Zealander takes over from Richard Trickey, who was filling in on

a temporary basis following

the departure of Brian

Wilkinson.

Rugby League

ice Hockey

Deane and Mark Hateley all withdrawn to the sidelines.

start, Andy Couzens directing his first-minute free-kick against the crossbar after Andy Crosby had hanled down Lee Sharpe. They had only 18 more minutes to wait Gray challenging fiercely for a Sharpe cross before Wallace volleyed home on the turn.

certed spell of Darlington pressure, despite being reduced to 10 men after Sean Gregan clashed messily with sense of injustice.

Darlington, one of the bes ball-playing teams in the lower leagues, could already have been ahead when a long-range shot from Michael Oliver forced Nigel Martyn to back-pedal and hurriedly

recover.
But Wallace's breakthrough had knocked the stuffing out of the Quakers, and Harte was able to take full advantage of an insipid clearance to stab a left-foot shot under Paul Newell.

Kinnear keen to keep Holdsworth

OE KINNEAR wants Dean Holdsworth to stay at Wimbledon even though the striker, rated at \$5 million, is still on the transfer list.

The 27-year-old England B international recently returned to the Dons' starting line-up after the early-season row with his manager. "Dean's attitude first-class and nothing would give me greater pleasure than if he asked to go off the list," Kinnear said yesterday. Holdsworth is reported to

be the target of Everton, who are seeking cover for the injured Duncan Ferguson and a long-term scoring partner for the Scot after the club's recent dearth of goals.

Meanwhile problems
mounted for the Southampton
manager Graeme Souness
when the deal to sign Paolo
Alves from Sporting Lisbon for a club-record £1.8 million collapsed and the striker returned to Portugal yester-day. Alves was at Selhurst Park for Monday night's 3-1 defeat by Wimbledon. "I was under the impression every thing had been sorted out, but certain things have changed and the deal is now dead and buried," said Souness. "It's a great shame."

Leicester's striker Mark Robins has put in a transfer request. Robins, who joined them from Norwich for £1 million 20 months ago, has been kept out of the first team by the teenager Emile Heskey but will play in tonight's Coca-Cola Cup tie at home to Scarborough because Steve Claridge is injured and Ian Marshall cup-tied

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Resurgent Rapid test for United

ANCHESTER Unithe Champions League, and the visit of Rapid Vienna to Old Trafford tonight represents a chance that Alex Ferguson's team

can ill afford to miss.
A fortnight ago United lost 1-0 to Juvenius, the holders, in Turin and the difference in was almost as wide as when the English champions suffered their 4-0 rout in Barcelona two seasons earlier.

Rapid are no Juventus, but the susceptibility of United to the sort of sucker punch that led to their defeat in the Stadio Delle Alpi reawakened uncomfortable memories of the home draws that contributed to their recent failures in this tourna-ment. In 1993 Galatasaray of Turkey forced a 3-3 draw with United after conceding two early goals, and the following season Barcelona had the bet-ter of a 2-2 draw which por-tended the shape of embarrassing things to come at Nou. Camp. And last season United went out of the Uefa Cup after being held 2-2 at home by

Rangers v Auxerre

ANGERS' Champions League ambition, which included win-

ning Group A, is now merely to avoid further ridicule.

3-0 defeat in Zurich still per-meates Ibrox, where Walter Smith and his players pre-pared yesterday for tonight's visit of the French champions

Even Paul Gascoigne, who

normally exudes jaunty confi-dence, seemed subdued before

a match which could signifi-

cautly affect Rangers' pros-pects of reaching the last

"We're ready for it," said the England midfielder, "but we were ready for Zurich too.

but we played badly and got stuffed. We were all in shock

Sometimes you get two or

three players off their game

but against Grasshopper it

was just about everybody.

Martin Thorpe in Cologne

NTERNATIONAL Rescue

will have nothing on Arsenal if the north London

ight of the European Cup.

The shock of their opening

standing dream of winning the European Cup, tonight's game is the sort of fixture they must win. But it may not be easy. Ranid who many the pursuit of goals. Had Rov be easy. Rapid, who nearly went bust three years ago, are a club much revived.

Last season, as well as win-

ning the Austrian champion-ship for the 30th time, they reached the final of the Cup Winners' Cup before losing 1-0 to Paris St Germain. On the way they there they the way they beat Sporting Lisbon 4-2 on aggregate after losing 2-0 in Portugal, de-feated Dynamo Moscow in

parture means that even an improvement tonight but, more is being asked of Chrisif Eric Cantona does not find more is being asked of Chris-tian Stumpf, who scored in the 1-1 draw with Fenerbahce in Vienna two weeks ago.
The Austrians will almost certainly be missing Christian Prosenik from midfield

because of a knee injury. United's fear is not so much that Rapid will end a 40-year unbeaten home record in Europe but that they will prove too hard to break down. A Viennese defence with Bul-garia's Trifon Ivanov glower-ing at its heart is unlikely to be a pushover.

sharper than I did in the first match. I've needed games to get my conditioning better after having the Achilles ten-

don injury and a chest infec-tion. When we played Grass-hopper I had had only three

games previously. Now I'm getting stronger from match

to match.
"I know there's been a lot of

slagging off Rangers and my-self but that doesn't bother

me. I'm used to it. We can

only keep people quiet by per-forming on the field, and this

Smith will have to alter his team because of the suspen-

sion of the central defender

Gordan Petric and the absence of Alan McLaren through in-jury. He will also be without Ally McCoist in the front line and almost

That means playing with a back four rather than the usual three central defenders

and two wing-backs. But he is encouraged by the relative

newness of the French defence.

Uefa Cup, first rd, second leg: Borussia M'bach (3) v Arsenal (2)

league they won 4-0, then lost 4-0, then they won 5-1, so

maybe they will lose 4-0 next

"Also, when you play with

a lead at home it is very diffi-

cult psychologically to pre-pare your team. You cannot

tell them to only defend be-cause that is difficult to do at

home, and you cannot con-vince your players that they have to attack. So they are in

an uncertain position which

gladbach are a strange team," | against the Mönchengladbach he said. "In the German | defence, while their own back

is another chance."

McCall in midfield.

Wenger feeds off Rice

against us.

against oecoming stretched in the pursuit of goals. Had Roy Keane been fit for the Juven-tus match he might have pre-vented the counter-thrust that culminated in Alen Boksic scoring the winning goal; his return to the midfield should make a difference, but United are anxious about Gary Pal lister, under treatment for a twisted knee. Peter Schmei-chel resumes in goal after a

virus infection. The Juventus game offered both legs, and eliminated the unusual spectacle of a Feyenoord in the semi-final. United attack failing to land a Since then Rapid have lost the striker Carsten Jancker to Bayern Munich, and his deget throughout the 90 min-utes. No doubt there will be the net, goals may still be a

Ole Solskjaer or Andy Cole will be alongside Cantona, and the young Norwegian looks the sharper of the two. Then there is always the long shot. David Backbara. shot, David Beckham, al-though with Nicky Butt fit he may not start the game. Manchester United (probable): Schmelchel. G Neville, Paliister, Johnsen. Irwin, Keane, Bull, Giggo, Cruyil, Cantons. Solskjar.

also be without the injured Franck Silvestre and Ned Ze-

lic in defence. "Our forward

players must exploit that area as a possible weakness," said

Smith. "They have been scor-

ing wall at home but at this

level you can't just rely on

should guarantee open, at-

tacking play from both sides.

line will be confident of avoid-

ing the sort of errors that led

As for lines of command off the pitch, Wenger, who will

already said that the care-taker manager Pat Rice will

take charge, with the Frenchman offering advice.
Wenger, a fan of 4-4-2, accepted Rice's opinion that Arsenal should stick with the

system of a back three and two

wing-backs that they have

been employing recently. They also need to find out bow

to shackle Effenberg, whose mastery in midfield was the

catalyst for Mönchenglad-bach's first-leg win.

clutching at straws. The Ger-mans are playing in Cologne

because their own ground does not meet Uefa standards.

bring about 40,000 fans, but

Other than that Arsenal are

to the Germans' three goals.



Lions get to grips with head man Gascoigne fit for fight Lam and the giant Papuan fruit-bat Having lost the formidable Laurent Blanc to Barcelona in the summer, Auxerre will

Andy Wilson reports from PNG where the Kumuls and their brilliant scrum-half fancy their Test chances against Great Britain

rather unnerving light relief for the Great Britain tourists as they prepared for this morning's pipe-opening match in Mount

"You need everybody play-ing well and hope that the outstanding ones, like Laudrup and Gascoigne, can Hagen, 5,000ft up in the Cen-tral Highlands of Papua New give you that bit extra which carries you through."
Guy Roux, the 57-year-old fox who has transformed Aux-erre from a village team to the French league and cup winners in his 28 marks.

the French league and cup the French league and cup winners in his 35 years at the Abbé-Deschampe stadium, is Confident but, having lost their opener at home to Aiax.

In How III How II How riot, whose confirmed death toll has now risen to four. But if the young and inex-

perienced tourists were an-ticipating problems of acclimatisation to heat, humidity and altitude this morning, at least they were spared the trials visited upon the PNG national coach, Bob Bennett. Bennett, a Brisbane police-man recently appointed as the first white coach of the Ku-

muls, as the national team are known is a typically laid back Queenslander. That was probably what kept him sane amid the problems that con-fronted him yesterday when he arrived in the forestry town of Bulolo to go into camp with his squad prior to Saturday's Test in Lae. Bennett made the threehour journey inland from the

north-coast town in a 12-seat

ous man in PNG.

Lam has been deified after establishing himself in Aus-tralia with the Sydney City Roosters and also Queensland in the annual State of Origin series, followed avidly in this rugby league-mad nation, and had flown in from his Bondi

Kumuls job after two years coaching the Lae Bombers while also working as a police adviser - dragged a reluctant Lam out of the bus to parade him in front of a gawping crowd, including four youths in a tiny alfresco jail.

"Aah, Adrian Lam," said one prisoner, recognising the face which endorses a range of products in PNG, from a poker machine known as The Kumul Kid to cold meat.

"Are you in here for smoking marijuana?" asked Bennett, switching to barely comprehensible pidgin English. "No, I break and enter." the prisoner replied with a smile.

During the journey Bennett reflected on the coach's lot. "First thing we have to do is find a new physio," he said.

"Our bloke can't get out of his

village as they're in the middle of a tribal war."

IANT fruit-bats pro-vided the exotic if bags, the four-strong English rather unnerving press corps and his captain light relief for the Adrian Lam — the most fam-"Wasn't that the team man-ager?" Indeed, Bennett had arranged transport for his national assistant in Bulolo but suspected the man would feel obliged to use it for "Wontalk" — the pay-back system which rules in PNG, under which tribe members

> manager was now returning to Bulolo after dropping his relatives in town.

By this time Bennett and Lam had been last with the Ben Biri, a young prop who shock victory on Saturday.

rest of the Kumuls squad at the Pine Valley Resort, a collection of cabins in the forest just outside Bulolo. "A few of the klabes beyon found and the klabes beyon found at the klabes beyon found at the klabes beyon for the kumulation." lection of cabins in the forest just outside Bulolo. "A few of the blokes have found snakes in their rooms," said Bennett, in their rooms," said Bennett, managed acquaint- Muruks (the local word for account of the said was managed by the said word for account of the said was said with the said word for account of the said was said was said with the said was said was said was said was said with the said was in their rooms," said Bennett, mates, some of whom he had not seen since last year's Centenary World Cup in England. It was some contrast to the British squad's usual base for home Tests, the Forte Crest Hotel in Brighouse just off the

Now Bennett headed into national addiction. Training was due to start in 10 minutes, but Bennett had one ever - and both Bennett and more difficulty to overcome.

the cassowary bird) when fighting spread from the 14,000 crowd, leading to the four deaths when police fired tear-gas and live rounds. Four of the Muruks had been in-cluded in Bennett's Test team, and Biri feared they would

want pay-back.
At least that problem solved the strongest Kumuls team Lam are quietly confident of a

Gregory signs and looks for Salford signings

ANDY GREGORY, the Salford Reds coach, has put an end to speculation about his future by signing a new two-year contract. In the 18 months since be book over at The Willows the 35-year-old Gregory has emerged as one of the most able young coaches. "He has charisma and a fine mana rial brain," said John Wilkinson, the club chairman.

The former Great Britain

the First Division champi-onship in January, masterminded the defeat of Wigan in the Challenge Cup in February and six months later saw the Reds to the First Division title and a Super League place. He is now likely to begin

building for next season, and an immediate target may be Wigan's 21-year-old forward Matthew Knowles, who is available for £25,000. Meanwhile Martin Der-Meanwhile Martin Der-mott is expected to com-and a capacity of 10,000.

scrum-half led Salford to plete his move from Wigan a career that was "stale and stagnant" at Central Park. The 28-year-old hooker also hopes to take up coaching at some time in the future. Halifax Blue Sox are expected to approprice plans to sell Thrum Hall, their home of more than 100 years, to move in with the town's football club. The sale is expected to raise the finance to bring The Shay up to Super

Rugby Union

Humphreys loss is a gain for Neath hooker

Robert Armstrong on Wales's troubled build-up to tonight's game with the French

the team do not like this HE loss of their inspiravenue. The pitch is surtional captain Jonathan Humphreys with a ham-string injury is a hammer blow to Wales's chances of beating the French in rounded by a running track whereas Mönchengladbach's own pitch is close to the stands, perhaps one reason why they have not won at Cotonight's international at Carlogne in the Bundesliga for four seasons. diff Arms Park. Humphreys who is replaced by the Neath hooker Barry Williams, played a highly committed role in the Five Nations en-counter with France last series whitewash with a 16-15

> his international debut and Mike Voyle, the Llanelli lock, who has one cap, plays his first Test at the Arms Park. econd international. Garin Jenkins will be on the bench

by flying the squad to and from Cardiff on a one-day

trip.
The French line-up seems likely to include the powerful Brive half-back partnership of Philippe Carbonneau and Alain Penaud, the fly-half left out of last year's World Cup squad. As Penaud said: "The fact that we are tested against different opponents week in, week out, which demands different tactical and technical options, is highly significant.
When you play for France
you practise with your halfback partner only three or
four times a season, but at

Richard Dourthe and Ste-phane Glas will return to Car-diff only a month after playing there together for the Barbarians.

Dell'Darlans.

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ITV pulls plug on European Cup

David Plummer

HE turbulent start to the domestic season contin-ued last night when ITV pulled out of the European Cup. But organisers insisted that the competition would go ahead even though the television company's decision could cost the competition about £10 million.

The tournament, which began last season, is featur-ing English clubs for the first time. In its new ex-panded form it was due to start on October 12 with the leading teams from England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, France and Italy play-ing one another in a roundrobin format. The final is

scheduled for January 4.
An ITV spokeswoman said: "Over the past few weeks we have been discussing terms under which ITV could take up its option for future coverage of the European Rugby Cup. Un-fortunately, and despite goodwill on both sides, we were unable to reach a mutually acceptable agreement with European Rugby

Cup Limited." ITV, which has the contract for the 1999 World Cup in England and Wales, had become impatient with

The Scottish Rugby Union, under pressure from its leading players, was also attempting last week to have the competi-

should kick off.

the television money should be distributed and

on what times games

tion moved from autumn to midwinter. But the tournament di-rector Roger Pickering said

that discussions had already begun with other po-tential broadcasters.

He said: "The European Cup is too important a tournament not to be televised and it is our responsibility to try and achieve the wid est possible audience."
Meanwhile, Anglo-Welsh

relations are under strain because of the row between Lianelli and Orrell over who holds the playing con-tract of the former New Zealand fly-half Frano Botica. Llanelli said last week they had signed the player from Castleford but Orrell claim Botica is contracted to play rugby union for them for the next two years and want at least £150,000 from Llanelli.

The Orrell secretary John Arrowsmith said: "We still hold Frano's signature. Llanelli have come up here thinking that they were dealing with people in the tournament organisers, | flat caps. They have found who have disagreed on how | we are nothing of the sort."

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to keep Holdswor

club manage to pull tonight's tie out of the fire. Arsène Wenger may look more like

Brains than Virgil Tracy but his dash to the accident scene of the Gunners' European campaign could yet become the stuff of legend. For that to happen, the new manager's flying visit must inspire Arsenal to a win by two clear goals against Borussia Mönchengladbach

tonight, thus overhauling the 3-2 defeat they sustained two weeks ago. But there are grounds for optimism. First, the Arsenal team will

contain the stalwart centre-back pairing of Bould and Adams, plus the increasingly in-fluential midfield talents of Vieira, all missing from the first leg. Set against that, though, is the absence through injury of Bergkamp. Second, Arsenal's fighting

spirit is alive and kicking again, as witnessed by their heady position of third in the Premiership - achieved without a manager. Add the team's extensive European



perhaps we can exploit, and that makes me confident." Certainly Arsenal showed in the first leg that they are capable of creating chances

Wenger, the master strategist, is confident. "Mönchen-Adams...fighting spirit

Snooker

Masterful Williams' stock rises as Bond falls

Clive Everton in Motherwell

HERE was further evidence yesterday of the game's changing face when the 20-year-old Welshman the 20-year-old Welshman week because no ranking No. 5 Nigel Bond 5-2 in the first round of the £175,000 Regal Scottish Masters at the

civic centre here. top eight in the rankings plus | running the game. four wild cards, Steve Davis, now ranked 10th, and Jimmy White are appearing by invi-

beaten in the opening round of the Suntory Asian Classic in Bangkok by Brian Morgan, points are at stake. Off table, there is rumbling

discontent about the way the World Professional Billiards With an entry limited to the and Snooker Association is There is incredulity that no sponsor has been announced

this month when he was | contract, namely next month's Grand Prix at Bournemouth and Novem-Preston. And with the withdrawal of Sweater Shop, only one of Sky's three ranking events is sponsored. Moreover, players who

thought they had booked a trip to Osnabrück by winning the German Open's final qualifying matches in Blackpool were unhappy to learn that the WBPSA had decided to take only 16 to Germany and that they would have to play the BBC is to televise as part of a first round in Preston the day former captain. is pack White's slump continued new five-year, £40 million before the UK Championship.

The lack of international experience in the pack is empha-sised by the choice of Kingsley Jones as a back-row replac ment for the injured Hemi Taylor for what will be his as a replacement hooker. The captaincy goes to the experienced Llanelli centre

Williams, who is 22, makes

Nigel Davies, though his clubmate leuan Evans, who led Wales 28 times in 64 Tests. must have been a strong candidate. Gareth Llewellyn, the Harlequins lock and another

Wales, who beat the Barbar ians with a bit to spare in Cardiff last month, will be seeking a substantial im-

the quick-moving French. Victory is certain to be the overriding aim for a Wales side who have achieved only seven wins, mainly against secondary opposition, in their last 20 internationals. Never-theless Llewellyn said: "None of us is looking for a dour 9-3 result. We have to produce the sort of performance that shows we're making progress with our running game. We back into playing easy rugby, taking too many kicking options rather than trying to move the ball. We have to

passing, though that may

play at pace."
Surprisingly the French have chosen not to award cans against a national team who have beaten them in their last two visits to Cardiff. Instead their coach Jean-Claude Skrela will use the fixture to experiment with combinations for the forthcoming Test series against South Africa. And the French Rugby Federation will save a bundle of francs by not paying fullinternational match fees and

club level it becomes France's midfield pairing of

Saint-André (Moniforrard), Y Dalaigus (Toulon), A Pensued P Caribonnesse (Doin Brive). G Accocaberry (Bègles-Bordeaux), R Ibanez (Dox), & Geliffano (Toulouso), F Tournaire (Netronne), J L Jordana (Toulouse), O Merie (Moniferrand), F Pelesse (Dax), A Banazzi (Agen), G Moni (Toulon), T Llevremont (Agen), C Moni (Toulon), T Llevremont (Perpignan).

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Sports Guardian

Uefa Cup, first round, second leg: Halmstads 2, Newcastle United 1 (aggregate: 2-5)

Swede tooth bites Newcastle way for the

WAS introduced to the travelling Geordies as the "nicest stadium in and players of Newcastle United will take home mixed memories of Orjans Vall Park on the banks of Halmstad's River Nissan. Sweden". But the fans

A stunning volley from Les Ferdinand helped make sure of Newcastle's place in Fri-day's draw but Haimstads were left ruing their display a fortnight ago, and their goals came too late last night to have Newcastle wobbling.

Along with a safe passage through to the next round, the avoidance of injuries was high on Newcastle's list of priorities, particularly as Beardsley and Ginola were already missing from the action. Both had been influential in

the first leg, with Ginola cre-ating three goals and Beards-ley scoring the fourth. That gave Newcastle a significant cushion but, with the knowl-edge that Halmstads had put three past Parma here last season, an early goal would ease any minor worries that

Halmstads' manager Tom Prahl clearly had the same concern as he dropped his keeper, Nordberg, from the St James' Park line-up. Nord-berg had been at fault for two of the goals that night, while Smicek had an almost save-

That situation was reversed immediately when the Czech goalkeeper fumbled a skidding shot from Vougt in the opening minute. Nor was the resulting corner dealt with in a completely convincing man-ner by the Magpies' defence.

Barton, in his first start since March, looked edgy and vulnerable, and the last thing needed from Batty was another raised fist in Europe, but his hands were high after only two minutes in a confrontation with Lennartsson. The incident ended bizarrely with the referee forcefully

pushing Batty away. After that initial nervousness, though, Newcastle soon settled, with Gillespie prominent down the right and As-prilla, nominally a left-winger, revelling in a

It was a sly pass from the Colombian in the ninth minute which created the best opportunity early on. Shearer ran on to the ball inside Arvidsson and met it sweetly but it went narrowly wide.

With Lee tackling regularly and ferociously behind the line, Newcastle had a sound platform which enabled Gil-lespie to attack the left-back. On most occasions Gillespie chose the outside route and he sent in a quartet of fast, dangerous cross

However, two minutes be-fore half-time Gillespie cut inside for the first time and fed Ferdinand, Tommy Anders-son was tight on the striker but was flummoxed by Ferdinand's magnificent swivel and volley. The ball was in the back of the net before Hakan Svensson had time to

If that effectively killed the contest then no one told Halmstads. Straight after the interval Vougt had Smicek diving once again as the physical Swedes continued to battle. Fifteen minutes later Srnicek did well to stop Vougt's shot and when Robert Andersson got to the rebound

Peacock was able to block. Newcastle had not exactly gone to sleep but the Swedes appetite for the tie was now the sharper. Robert Anders son dragged another shot wide but a quarter of an hour from time Halmstads got the reward their commitment merited when Arvidsson beat

forced the ball in from a yard. Five minutes later and Halmstads were ahead, Magnus Svensson beating Clark to the rebound after Smicek had parried from Vougt.

wensoon, Ljungberg (Selakovo, Bûmin) 1 Andersson, F Andersson, Yougi Jemerisson (Karleson, 87). Newcastle United: Srnicek; Barlon, Peacock, Albert, Berestord, Gilfespie, Bathy (Clark, To), Lee, Apprilla (Kitson, 78), Shearer, Ferdinand



Sharp practice . . . Les Ferdinand volleys home Newcastie's goal in Sweden last night

PHOTOGRAPH, RACUL DIXON

Everton the victims as York repeat their giant-killing act

Lear the bottom of the premiership, were sent packing from the Coca-Cola from the end. Cup last night when they were beaten 3-2 by York City at Bootham Crescent,

Paul Rideout gave Ever-ton the lead in the 24th minute but York, conquerors of Manchester United in last season's competition, equalised nine minutes later, Bull scored the

"The

then have national and

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There isn't

a short cut

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25 years of FoE

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Manchester City's fortunes sank to further depths as the First Division side. baving drawn the first leg still unable to attract a manager and struggling to keep their heads afloat in the league, were bundled out at Maine Road, beaten 1-0 and 5-1 on aggregate by Lincoln City of the Third Division. the teams opened the scoring

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Quick, make dying spider



Jim White

OU may come away cursing the crossbar, fuming at the referee, would have been better to spend the afternoon constructing that set of Ikea bunk-beds after all, but there is one big advantage about watching a 0-0 draw these days: you are spared the contrived goal celebrations.

At Villa Park on Saturday there were no goals, but also there were none of the following: a duck walk, a conga or a squadron of cir-cling aircraft. There were no Groucho Marx waddles, no formation reclining Romans or any kind of sexual congress involving corner flags. No one pulled his shirt over his head to reveal his six-pack stomach no one lay, legs akimbo, on the turf to be sprayed with Lucozade, and, most refreshing of all no one stood preening in a tired Chris Eubank pastiche. Maybe that is why no one scored; the split second of inlecision over whether a strike should be marked with a cartwheel or a somersault, a solo pelt or a human pyramid, a

samba or a foxtrot resulted in forwards hitting, instead of the back of the net, the wood-work, the goalkeeper and on one occasion Row W of the Holte End stand Working out at training

what to do when you score a goal now appears to take up more energy than working out how to score in the first place. So organised is it all, clubs appear to be employing choreographers to sharpen up their

Maybe that is why Francis chester City: no manager worth his salt will take over a lace where there's just not enough money for a specialist

It is instructive to see the effect all this is having on the junior end of football. At the park at the bottom of our road last Sunday morning a couple of under-11 teams locked horns in the local mini-league. it wasn't particularly elevated or important, just lads enjoying themselves on the pitch and dads getting apoplectic on the sidelines. But when one of

after an unedifying scramble

in the second minute, it pre-cipitated a frenzy of activity. The boy who had applied the final touch pelted half the length of the pitch, arms out-stretched, palms, unwanted. stretched, palms upwards, like the Pope conducting mass on the run. He was pursued by half a dozen of his team-mates, several of whom had pulled their shirts over their heads. On reaching the centre circle the boy dived full length across the turf, to be surrounded by the posse also div-

ing, one after the other, along-side him. Meanwhile the goalkeeper and the one boy with the disci-pline to stay back in defence lay down in their own goal. mouth, kicking their legs in the air doing the dying spider A similar procedure was seen after each of the 13 goals in the next half-hour, regardless of

the quality of the strike. Kids today: they have so much more fun than we did, when the celebration choice was limited to the Denis Law (cuff pulled over the knuckles serious expression on the face right arm raised) or the Allan Clarke (cuff pulled over the knuckles, serious expression on the face, left arm raised).

Nowadays they don't even need goals to start some vigor ous public bonding. During Sunday's match the winning of a corner was marked with high-fives all round. And when a penalty was awarded after what, frankly, looked the most theatrical of dives, marriages appeared to be ar-ranged. Indeed, so wholesale was their aping of the adult game, it came as a surprise on the final whistle that their manager didn't run on to the pitch and send them all over to applaud their parents lining the touchline.

HE blame for this arms-race style escala-tion of goal observance lies with Nick Hancock's They Think It's All Over. The round in the quiz in which panellists have to offer an explanation as to why certain players did certain things the case of the Nigeria team in the 1994 World Cup, to mark the corner flags too) has be come an invitation to exhibi-

It can be only a matter of time before the player explain-ing on film why the team behaved as they did sheepishly admits it was because, since they were just a bunch of part-timers from the John Smith's Bitter Central Midlands League, they knew it was the only way they would ever appear on the nation's favourite show. Either that or they got : the idea watching the kids down the local park.

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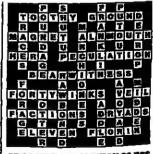
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